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*“She spent her whole life focused on helping her family and friends ... and brought joy to all who knew her. Her smile lit up the room and was infectious.” — Wayne Rioux, family friend*

# Verdict doesn’t heal feelings of loss

Family, friends of Connie Dabate talk about life ‘cut short’

By Taylor Hartz  
Hartford Courant

Keith Margotta, older brother of slain Ellington mother Connie Margotta Dabate, said he still remembers the day he met his baby sister.

“My father brought me to the hospital to see her for the first

time and the nurse held her up to the window,” he said, reaching his arms up toward the sky outside of the Rockville Superior Courthouse on Tuesday.

But his time with his sister, he said, “was cut short.”

Cut short by her husband, Richard Dabate, who, on Tuesday, was found guilty of killing her.

Richard Dabate, once intertwined in the Margotta family as Connie’s loving husband and father to the couple’s two young sons, RJ and Connor, was led out of a courtroom in handcuffs Tuesday

after a jury found him guilty on all three charges he faced — murder, lying to police and tampering with evidence — more than six years after his wife’s death.

Connie Dabate’s family reached out to grasp one another in the courtroom as the jury delivered the verdict. Some smiling, some eyes brimming with tears. That afternoon, they stood with their hands held tight, connecting them on the steps of the courthouse and talked about the woman they lost.

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In December 2016, family, friends and neighbors gather for a candlelight vigil on the first anniversary of the death of Connie Debate, of Ellington. Her husband was convicted of her murder last week. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**



Maurice Pipkin, the Fish Man, hands an order off to a customer on Tuesday at Just Fish, his food truck on Church Street in Hartford. PHOTOS BY JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

# Fish Man has formula for food truck success

Daily social media videos boost Hartford business

By Ted Glanzer  
Hartford Courant

The Fish Man of Hartford hated to go fishing when he was a boy.

“My father tortured me to bring me fishing,” says Hartford resident Maurice Pipkin, known as the Fish Man, during a recent interview. “Because my father would make me clean the fish. I would go, but I didn’t want to clean the fish when I was 9 or 10 years old. I like to fish, but I didn’t want to clean the fish.”

Not that it took long for Pipkin — who is locally famous for his energetic, punchy and often funny

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Chefs Dominic Cauley, left, and Justice Conaway prepare meals at the Just Fish food truck on Church Street in Hartford.

# LGBTQ groups wary of Roe leak

Community fears it may be next: ‘Progress is not permanent’

By Christopher Arnott  
Hartford Courant

With the U.S. Supreme Court reportedly poised to overturn Roe v. Wade, a lot of people are asking, “What’s next?” The LGBTQ community fears it might be next.

A draft opinion that would overturn Roe v. Wade, written by Justice Samuel Alito and leaked May 2, may have ramifications that not only allow the court to revisit other decisions involving privacy and health issues, but may lead to the lifting of federal protections that help vulnerable communities. It may also shift critical health and civil rights issues from the federal government to the states.

Despite Connecticut’s progressive policies on LGBTQ issues, some in the community say they worry hard-fought victories may be reversed, resulting in loss of rights, protections and access to health care.

“The Supreme Court’s draft decision would effectively end the right for millions of women to make decisions about their own bodies. And we know the far right won’t stop at abortion,” said U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy. “The same right to privacy enshrined in Roe v. Wade — which would disappear if overturned — is a significant part of the basis for rulings on same-sex marriage, gender-affirming care for trans individuals, and even contraception. I fear this increasingly political court could come after these protections next.”

For Mel Cordner, executive director of Q Plus, the Hartford-based organization that supports LGBTQ youth, “it means progress isn’t permanent. It’s very scary. The core idea [of the draft decision] is that your

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People march on Sunday to the scene of Saturday’s mass shooting at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York. **MATT ROURKE/AP**

# NY market shooter researched area

Officials: Intent was to kill as many Black people as possible

By Carolyn Thompson and Michael Balsamo  
Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The white 18-year-old who fatally shot 10 people at a Buffalo supermarket researched the local demographics and arrived a day in advance to conduct reconnaissance with the intent of killing as many Black people as possible, officials said Sunday.

The racially motivated attack came a year after the gunman was taken to a hospital by State Police after making threats involving his high school, according to authorities.

He wasn’t charged with a crime and was out of the hospital within a day and a half, police said, but the revelation raised questions about his access to weapons and whether he could have been under closer supervision by law enforcement.

The Buffalo attack prompted grief and anger in the predominantly Black neighborhood around Tops Friendly Market. A group of

people gathered there Sunday to lead chants of “Black lives matter” and mourn victims that included an 86-year-old woman who had just visited her husband in a nursing home and a supermarket security guard, both of whom were Black.

“Somebody filled his heart so full of hate that he would destroy and devastate our community,” the Rev. Denise Walden-Glenn said.

Speaking at the National Peace Officers’ Memorial service at the U.S. Capitol, President Joe Biden

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## Stricker goes wire-to-wire in Tradition win

Steve Stricker completed at a wire-to-wire victory in the Tradition, closing with a 4-under-par 68 for a six-stroke win and his fourth PGA Tour Champions major title. **SPORTS, PAGE 6**

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Family members of Connie Dabate, 39, including her mother and siblings, gather outside Rockville Superior Court on Tuesday after a jury found her husband, Richard, guilty of her 2015 murder in their Ellington home. **TAYLOR HARTZ/HARTFORD COURANT**

Dabate

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Connie was a devoted mother who loved to scrapbook photos of her sons and dedicated her free time to volunteering and being a caregiver. She was a loving daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and colleague. She loved the color yellow.

“She spent her whole life focused on helping her family and friends, displayed a keen sense of humor and brought joy to all who knew her,” said family friend Wayne Rioux on Tuesday on behalf of the family. “Her smile lit up the room and was infectious.”

Connie volunteered for years with the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps, leading the group as a president some years, and organized volunteer events at the local YMCA, where she also enjoyed exercise classes such as cycling.

“She was humble, performed acts of kindness without recognition, and her generosity and compassion for those in need were her trademark,” said Rioux.

During the trial against her husband, State’s Attorney Matthew C. Gedansky said Connie Dabate was “everybody’s best friend.”

She was a loving wife and the breadwinner of the family with a lucrative career, he said.

Connie Dabate, 39, was a successful pharmaceutical sales representative for Reckitt Benckiser, according to an obituary for her.

She graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1999 after attending Ellington High School. She grew up in Ellington and Vernon and built her life with her home family in her hometown, not far from her parents who were married for decades before her father died.

But her proudest accomplishment, said Rioux, was being a mom.

“In all of Connie’s achievements, she took

the most pride and joy in being a loving and devoted mother to RJ and Connor,” he said.

She dedicated countless hours to making sure her son Connor had the best medical care, driving him back and forth to Boston for doctor’s appointments and then coming home to Connecticut to care for her father, who was battling leukemia.

Keith Margotta said Tuesday that his sister “was a terrific sister, mother, daughter, and I really loved her.”

His moments with her, he said, went by too fast.

“Life has just gone by so quickly. Through all my stages of life, it’s just unbelievable how quickly the time I spent with Connie was.

“And it feels like it’s been cut short.”

While Connie was once a pivotal member of their family, her loved ones now feel her absence at every get-together, at every celebration and in the everyday moments.

“Connie is no longer present for family gatherings, holidays or her children’s milestones,” said Rioux. “Connie was essentially sentenced to death, while this convicted murderer has been living his life while out on parole for 6 ½ years.”

Dabate is now held in lieu of a \$5 million bond while awaiting sentencing, up from the \$1 million that allowed him to walk free for years.

Connie’s brother said that as they sat through the five-week-long trial — each of her siblings and her mother taking turns on the stand to help the state build its case — they relived the sadness, shock and search for justice that they first felt six years ago.

For some of them, like her sister Marliese Shaw who sat through every day of the trial, it was a torturous experience that felt like a lifetime, their brother said.

Last week, they felt like their “lives were in the jury’s hands,” he said, thanking the jurors for their time and, ultimately, the decision that brought them some semblance of justice.

Shooter

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said, “We must all work together to address the hate that remains a stain on the soul of America.”

The White House later announced that the president and first lady would travel to Buffalo on Tuesday to “grieve with the community.”

The Buffalo attack was the deadliest of multiple shootings across the country in recent days. Officials in Milwaukee imposed a curfew after 21 people were injured in three separate shootings near an entertainment district where thousands gathered Friday for an NBA playoff game. Three other shootings over the weekend in the Midwest city left three people dead.

On Sunday, two shootings — one at a Houston flea market and another at a California church — left three people dead and others wounded.

As the country reeled from its latest mass shooting, new details emerged about the gunman’s past and Saturday’s rampage, which the shooter livestreamed on Twitch.

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul, a Buffalo native, demanded technology companies tell her whether they’ve done “everything humanly possible” to make sure they’re monitoring violent content as soon as it appears.

“If not, then I’m going to hold you responsible,” she said.

Twitch said in a statement it ended the transmission “less than two minutes after the violence started.”

New York State Police said troopers were called last June to the high school then attended by the alleged gunman, Payton Gendron, for a report that a 17-year-old student had made threatening statements.

Gendron threatened to carry out a shooting at Susquehanna Valley High School, in Conklin, New York, about 200 miles southeast of Buffalo, around the time of graduation, a law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity said. The official was not authorized to speak publicly.

Buffalo Police Commissioner Joseph

Gramaglia said Gendron had no further contact with law enforcement after his release from the hospital.

Federal law bars people from owning a gun if a judge has determined they have a “mental defect” or they have been forced into a mental institution — but an evaluation alone would not trigger the prohibition.

Federal authorities were still working to confirm the authenticity of a racist 180-page document, purportedly written by Gendron, that detailed his plans for the attack and reasons for carrying it out.

A preliminary investigation found Gendron had repeatedly visited sites espousing white supremacist ideologies and race-based conspiracy theories and extensively researched the 2019 mosque shootings in Christchurch, New Zealand, and the man who killed dozens at a summer camp in Norway in 2011, the law enforcement official told The Associated Press.

Portions of the Twitch video circulating online showed the gunman firing volley after volley of shots in less than a minute as he raced through the parking lot and then the store, pausing for just a moment to reload. At one point, he trains his weapon on a white person cowering behind a checkout counter, but says “Sorry!” and doesn’t shoot.

Screenshots purporting to be from the broadcast appear to show a racial slur targeting Black people scrawled on his rifle.

Authorities said he shot, in total, 11 Black people and two white people Saturday.

“This individual came here with the express purpose of taking as many Black lives as he possibly could,” Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown said Sunday.

The lengthy statement attributed to Gendron outlined a racist ideology rooted in a belief that the United States should belong only to white people. All others, the document said, were “replacers” who should be eliminated by force or terror. The attack was intended to intimidate all non-white, non-Christian people and get them to leave the country, it said.



Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown addresses a press conference in New York on Sunday about the racially motivated mass shooting that left ten victims dead and several wounded at a Tops supermarket in Buffalo the day before, as New York Gov. Kathy Hochul, right, looks on. **MALIK RAINEY/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

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PLAY3 DAY

8 9 6 WB: 2

PLAY4 DAY

9 7 3 4 WB: 8

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PLAY3 NIGHT

7 0 6 WB: 6

PLAY4 NIGHT

8 1 7 1 WB: 0

CASH 5

14 21 22 28 29

LUCKY FOR LIFE

4 9 13 33 44 LB: 3

POWERBALL

6 40 41 45 52 PB: 9 PP: 3

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Fish Man

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social-media commercials plugging his food truck, Just Fish — to overcome his distaste for fishing.

“I won the fishing derby when I was 11 years old at the Keeney Park pond,” Pipkin, 50, says. “I went there last year and did a commercial. It’s so funny, there I am doing a commercial about fish, and this is where I won the fishing derby.”

His daily commercials, which are typically a little over a minute long, always begin with what’s become his catchphrase, “Hey, it’s me again, the Fish Man, giving you nothing but the best fish all around town ...”

“We do a clap and we just rock and roll,” Pipkin says, adding that he typically just rattles off his daily specials and posts the videos to Facebook, TikTok and Instagram, after just one take (his gift for showmanship honed, perhaps, as a pastor in Bloomfield on Sundays).

Most of the time, he films himself in or around the truck. Other times, if he’s feeling pucky, he’ll film on top of the truck or tick off his daily specials while on a boat fishing. Once he filmed at a raucous house party.

He estimates he’s done about 400 or 500 commercials, which has earned him a loyal social-media following.

“Some days I would miss filming on, and the customers would come and they would say, ‘I didn’t see your commercial today. You don’t have specials?’ ” he says, laughing. “Everybody comes to me and says I saw you on Facebook or I saw you on TikTok or I saw you on Instagram. Or I heard from somebody else to come see you.”

The Fish Man provides more than just a laugh. His commercials give a daily jolt of joy to a city that has had, at best, an uneven effort to return to normalcy in downtown Hartford amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pipkin’s foray into the food business started with humble beginnings two years ago.

“We started in a tent in my yard in Blue Hills every Saturday,” Pipkin says.

He previously owned a used-car dealership, but he longed to start his own business.

“From back in the days, I was always frying fish. But I was doing it out of a pot and I was frying the fish.”

Eventually, Pipkin acquired a truck and a couple of employees and ran his business in his Blue Hills neighborhood. The city eventually had him relocate to his current spot at 20 Church St. due to zoning restrictions, he says.

The truck has been there for five weeks and is doing brisk business, Pipkin says, filling about 100 to 200 orders a day.

The menu includes a Just Fish basket (8 ounces of salmon, two whiting, two catfish, regular fries) for \$21; lobster rolls (listed as market price); scallop, shrimp or salmon baskets for \$14; a clam basket for \$14; combinations (such as shrimp/scallops for \$21, salmon/shrimp for \$21; catfish/shrimp for \$20); sandwiches (lobster grilled cheese for \$15, salmon, catfish, porgy and whiting for \$11 to \$13).

Sides include seafood egg rolls (\$10), hush puppies (\$3), and seasoned fries, onion rings and sweet potato fries for \$4.

Pipkin also has Give-Back Fridays, with various items for sale for \$5.

“I pick each Friday to give back,” he says.

And while the food truck is named Just Fish, and the owner is known as the Fish Man, who declares he serves the best fish around, he also serves chicken wings.



**TOP:** Maurice Pipkin records a commercial for social media with chef Dominic Cauley outside his food truck. **ABOVE:** Hush puppies and fried shrimp over fried catfish from the Just Fish food truck. **PHOTOS BY JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

“A lot of people when I first started, they wanted to support me, but they didn’t eat fish,” Pipkin says. “They’re allergic to seafood or whatever, so I have to have something for them.”

The food truck offers a variety of sauces for the fish and chicken, including garlic Parmesan, mango habanero, Buffalo, bourbon, General Tso’s, sweet jerk glaze and barbecue.

Pipkin gets his fish from City Fish in Wethersfield, a distributor in New York or he catches it himself.

Recently he went fishing for porgy in Niantic.

“I work the truck six days a week and I preach on Sunday,” Pipkin says. “So I’m working seven days. But God rested one day. So I’m going to take that day [Thursday] and fish. ... A bad day fishing is better than a good day at work, it’s true.”

Still, a clever guerrilla advertising campaign and an owner’s endearing personality — Pipkin’s smile and positivity are unwavering — will only get a business, particularly a restaurant, so far.

But Pipkin’s food has drawn rave reviews. Crystal Giddings, who was on her lunch



break in downtown Hartford, says she has visited Just Fish at least every couple of days since the Blue Hills days.

“I am a shrimphead. I love the shrimp with the sweet chili sauce,” she said, adding she loves the truck’s current location. “Right here is excellent because they’re right here in downtown, where everybody is. I’m very glad they’re out here. They’ll get to make more money out here.”

Niecy Pierce was visiting Just Fish for the second time when she ordered scallops, shrimp, hush puppies and the lobster grilled-cheese sandwich.

“The food is amazing,” Pierce, a city bus driver, says, noting she ordered the shrimp and fish combination on her first visit. “The shrimp is so big and juicy.”

Pipkin has two employees — Dominic Cauley and Justice Conaway — as well as his wife, Takwana Berry-Pipkin, working the truck with him.

Business is going so well that Pipkin just

purchased a bus that he plans on converting to handle catering events.

“People want me to come to their homes, their driveways, all kinds of stuff,” Pipkin says.

His only regret, so far, is he didn’t start his food-truck business sooner.

“I love doing it,” he says. “It’s going to be handed down to my children, and I’ll still be doing it. I love it that much. I don’t have to make a lot of money to be happy. I just want to be happy. That’s the key to success.”

Just Fish, at 20 Church St., takes payment via cash, credit cards and Cash App. It’s open six days a week: Monday and Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. He can be found on Facebook as justfish172, on Instagram as just\_fish\_truck and on TikTok as @fishman192. For more information, visit justfish172.com or call 860-890-9344.

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body does not belong to you. It’s especially relevant to our community, which could lose the few protections they do have. Things are not as secure as they were. It’s hard to comprehend. We’re losing a right, which in the perspective of anybody under 50 years old, we have always had.

“Everything is interconnected. We can’t say that this is only affecting heterosexual women. It affects everybody. Gender-affirming care is linked to reproductive care.

“Our mission is to uplift and empower queer youth. We’ll still be here. Things are not as secure as they were. Some people already don’t feel affirmed or empowered. It’s especially relevant for them not to lose the rights that they do have.”

Juancarlos Soto, deputy director of the New Haven Pride Center, says “for a long time we knew the Republicans were attacking Roe v. Wade but thought that this was settled precedent. What’s scary is that some of the language Justice Alito is using, saying things like, ‘This is not protected by the Constitution ...’ Well, we thought it was protected. And we know that these things are related to the original Roe v. Wade decision: marriage equality, access to birth control and gender-affirming care.”

Soto adds that access to abortion services directly concerns many members of the LGBTQ community, including transgender males and those who are transitioning.

Another fear, Soto suggests: “This can bring a lot of violence onto the community. The way that Republicans are talking specifically about LGBTQ folks, it’s terrifying because when these topics come up, hate crimes keep going up.”

It’s a bit of a comfort, Soto says, that if the governmental responsibility for legislating women’s reproductive health shifts from federal to states, “Connecticut has politicians who believe in these rights that other states may want to take away. But we have to fight even harder,” Soto says, alluding to care for transgender people. “We can truly be a



Abortion rights demonstrators hold signs during a rally at the Texas Capitol in Austin on Saturday. Demonstrators are rallying from coast to coast in the face of an anticipated Supreme Court decision that could overturn women’s right to an abortion. **ERIC GAY/AP**

welcoming state, as Connecticut should be, with access to health care and reproductive health care.”

He points to Connecticut’s new abortion law, scheduled to go into effect July 1, which sets Connecticut as a “refuge” for those in other states.

But however safe a haven Connecticut may be, if removal of protections for LGBTQ+ individuals “starts picking up,” Sotos predicts, “and unfortunately it’s going to, then your marriage may not be valid in other states. It may be dangerous to travel in other states.”

Steven Hernández, who heads the Connecticut Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity, says, “The fundamental questions we’re grappling with is whether people who were not contemplated in the original Constitution are protected. And protected against whom? How do we expand protections that were originally limited to white Anglo Saxon men?”

“This was a warning when the last president was first elected, that there might be efforts to erode the rights of people. People said, ‘This can’t be what they want!’ Lo and behold, this is what they wanted.”

Hernández, who has a background in law and public policy, agrees that making abortion a state rights issue may be “great for Connecticut ... for now at least. We have a majority of leaders in Connecticut who are brave and thoughtful and lead in a bipartisan way. That’s not the case in other states. And we need to think about what happens when all those other states pass their laws, and those people have to try to find refuge in a state like ours.”

The emotional response to changing social situations and increased vulnerability is one reaction to the potential overturning of Roe v. Wade. Another response exists on paper: how longstanding legal arguments could be undone by such a decision, leading to chaos in the courts.

Michael Lawlor, an associate professor

in the Criminal Justice Department at the University of New Haven who served in the Connecticut House of Representatives from 1987 to 2011, explains that “the fundamental issue is this: Is there or is there not a right to privacy in the Constitution? The Roe v. Wade decision said that there was. That same concept has appeared in many other decisions.

“Where it really got started is with Griswold v. Connecticut, but you could also trace it back to Justice Brandeis in the late 1800s, who wrote about the fundamental right to be left alone. In Griswold v. Connecticut, it was decided that arresting someone for distributing birth control was unconstitutional because the government invaded rights to privacy. That was then used to decide Roe v. Wade. It was also used in Lawrence v. Texas, where two gay guys were found to have a right to privacy.”

Lawlor also mentions Katz v. United States, which determined what constituted legal search and seizure. If privacy issues are rethought, as appears to be happening in the leaked Supreme Court decision, a number of existing principles become equally questionable, Lawlor says. “It’s not about abortion specifically, but about whether government protects the right to privacy. If you argue that the Constitution doesn’t protect privacy, then all this stuff is up for grabs. The Bill of Rights protects you from the government going too far. Privacy defines how you do a search. If you walk away from that, you open yourself to government abuses, on the right and on the left.

“In his draft opinion,” Brian Marks, a senior lecturer at the University of New Haven who teaches law and public health, says, “Alito seeks to limit the argument to abortion alone. But that opinion provides a road map to potentially dismantle other rights to privacy.

“We infer a right to privacy. The right to access to health care is now hanging on the right to privacy. Griswold could be next. Undo Griswold and you undo just about everything.”

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Small wins giving hope to Ukraine

Western military officials: Russia not making gains in east

By Oleksandr Stashevskyi and Ciaran McQuillan Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Almost three months after Russia shocked the world by invading Ukraine, its military faces a bogged-down war, the prospect of a bigger NATO and an opponent buoyed Sunday by wins on and off the battlefield.

Top diplomats from NATO met in Berlin with the alliance's chief and declared that the war "is not going as Moscow had planned."

"Ukraine can win this war," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said, adding that the alliance must continue to offer military support to Kyiv. He spoke by video link as he recovers from COVID-19.

On the diplomatic front, both Finland and Sweden took steps bringing them closer to NATO membership despite Russian objections. Finland announced Sunday that it was seeking to join NATO.

Several hours later, Sweden's governing party endorsed the country's own bid for membership, which could lead to an application in days.

If the two nonaligned Nordic nations become part of the alliance, it would represent an affront to Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has cited NATO's post-Cold War expansion in Eastern Europe as a threat to Russia. NATO says it is a purely defensive alliance.



Ukrainian servicemen on patrol Sunday in a village north of Kharkiv that was recently retaken. MSTYSLAV CHERNOV/AP

During a Sunday visit to Sweden, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell said Finland and Sweden would be "important additions" to NATO and that the U.S. should swiftly ratify their membership. McConnell, R-Ky, is leading a delegation of GOP senators to the region.

While Moscow lost ground on the diplomatic front, Russian forces also failed to make territorial gains in eastern Ukraine.

Ukraine said it held off Russian offensives there on Sunday, and Western military officials said the

campaign Moscow launched there after its forces failed to seize the capital of Kyiv has slowed to a snail's pace.

Ukraine, meanwhile, celebrated a morale-boosting victory in the Eurovision Song Contest. The folk-rap ensemble Kalush Orchestra won the glitzy pan-European competition with its song "Stefania," which has become a popular anthem among Ukrainians during the war.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy vowed that his nation would claim the customary winner's honor of hosting the next annual

competition.

"Step by step, we are forcing the occupiers to leave the Ukrainian land," Zelenskyy said.

However, Russian and Ukrainian fighters are engaged in a grinding battle for the country's eastern industrial heartland, the Donbas. Ukraine's most experienced and best-equipped soldiers are based in eastern Ukraine, where they have fought Moscow-backed separatists for eight years.

Even with its setbacks, Russia continues to inflict death and destruction across

Ukraine. Over the weekend, its forces hit a chemical plant and 11 high-rise buildings in Siverodonetsk, in the Donbas, the regional governor said. Gov. Serhii Haidaii said two people were killed in the shelling.

Russia also kept striking railways, factories and other infrastructure. Russian missiles destroyed "military infrastructure facilities" in the Yavoriv district of western Ukraine, near the border with Poland, the governor of the Lviv region said.

Lviv is a major gateway for the Western-supplied weapons Ukraine has acquired

during the war.

The Ukrainian military said it held off a renewed Russian offensive in the Donesk area of the Donbas. Russian troops also tried to advance near the eastern city of Izyum, but Ukrainian forces stopped them, according to Oleh Sinegubov, the governor of the Kharkiv region.

The Ukrainian claims could not be independently verified, but Western officials also painted a somber picture for Russia.

Britain's Defense Ministry said in its daily intelligence update Sunday that the Russian army had lost up to one-third of the combat strength it committed to Ukraine in late February and was failing to gain any substantial territory.

"Under the current conditions, Russia is unlikely to dramatically accelerate its rate of advance over the next 30 days," the ministry said on Twitter.

The assessments of Russia's war performance came as Russian troops retreated from around Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, which was a key military objective earlier in the war and was bombarded for weeks.

In the southern Donbas, the Azov Sea port of Mariupol is still largely under Russian control, except for a few hundred Ukrainian troops who have refused to surrender and remain holed up in the Azovstal steel factory.

Many of their wives called on the global community Sunday to secure the release of "the entire garrison," during an online news conference.

US to take 5 groups off foreign terror blacklist

Organizations are all thought to no longer be active

By Matthew Lee Associated Press

BERLIN — The United States is poised to remove five extremist groups, all believed to be defunct, from its list of foreign terrorist organizations, including several that once posed significant threats, killing hundreds if not thousands of people across Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

The decision is politically sensitive for the Biden administration and the countries in which the organizations operated, and could draw criticism from victims and their families.

The organizations include the Basque separatist group ETA, the Japanese cult Aum Shinrikyo, the radical Jewish group Kahane Kach and two Islamic groups that have been active in Israel, the Palestinian territories and Egypt.

The U.S. State Department notified Congress on Friday of the moves, which come at the same time as an increasingly divisive but unrelated debate in Washington and elsewhere about whether Iran's paramilitary

Revolutionary Guard should or can be legally removed from the U.S. list as part of efforts to salvage the languishing Iran nuclear deal.

That designation, which was imposed by the Trump administration, was not mentioned in Friday's notifications.

In separate notices to lawmakers, the State Department said the terrorism designations for the five groups will be formally removed when the determinations are published in the Federal Register, which is expected this week.

Copies of the notifications, all of which were signed by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Wednesday, were obtained by Associated Press.

The reason for the removals is identical in each of the cases: Blinken asserting that they were based on an administrative review of the designations, which by law is required every five years.

The reviews take into account whether designated groups are still active, whether they have committed terrorist acts within the previous five years and whether removal from or retention of the list would be in U.S. national security interests. Under the law that

created the list, the secretary of state can remove groups that he or she deems no longer to fit the criteria.

"Based on a review of the Administrative Record assembled in this matter and in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury, I determine that the circumstances that were the basis for the designation ... have changed in such a manner to warrant revocation of the designation," Blinken wrote in each notice.

Removing the groups from the list has the immediate effect of rescinding a range of sanctions that the designations had entailed. Those include asset freezes and travel bans as well as a prohibition on any Americans providing the groups or their members with any material support.

U.S. officials familiar with the matter said the decisions were made only after consulting lawmakers several months ago about whether the latest five-year reviews should proceed.

Groups to be removed are: ■ Aum Shinrikyo (AUM), the Japanese "Supreme Truth" cult that carried out the deadly sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway in 1995 that killed 13 people and sickened hundreds



A woman walks past a wall painted with portraits of prisoners of the Basque separatist group ETA, in Hernani, Spain. The U.S. is poised to remove the group from a blacklist. AP 2018

more. The group has been considered defunct since the executions of its top echelons, including leader Shoko Asahara, in 2018. It was designated a foreign terrorist organization in 1997.

■ Basque Fatherland and Liberty, or ETA, which ran a separatist campaign of bombings and assassinations in northern Spain and elsewhere for decades that killed more than 800 people and wounded thousands more, until declaring a cease-fire in 2010 and disbanding after the arrests and trials of its last leaders in 2018. It was designated a

foreign terrorist organization in 1997.

■ Kahane Chai, or Kach. The radical Orthodox Jewish group was founded by ultranationalist Israeli Rabbi Meir Kahane in 1971. He led the group until his assassination in 1990. Members of the group have killed, attacked or otherwise threatened or harassed Arabs, Palestinians and Israeli government officials, but the organization has been dormant since 2005. The group was first designated in 1997.

■ The Mujahidin Shura Council in the Environs

of Jerusalem, an umbrella group of several jihadist organizations based in Gaza that has claimed responsibility for numerous rocket and other attacks on Israel since its founding in 2012. The council was first designated in 2014.

■ Gama'a al-Islamiyya, or Islamic Group-IG, an Egyptian Sunni Islamist movement that fought to topple Egypt's government during the 1990s. It conducted hundreds of deadly attacks against the police and security forces as well as tourists. The group was first designated in 1997.



Pope Francis stands near an altar Sunday at the Vatican. VINCENTO PINTO/GETTY-AFP

Pope overcomes pain to conduct canonization ceremony

By Nicole Winfield Associated Press

ROME — Pope Francis proclaimed 10 new saints on Sunday, rallying from knee pain that has forced him to use a wheelchair to preside over the first canonization ceremony at the Vatican in over two years.

Francis stood for a long period at the start to greet priests concelebrating the Mass, presided over the nearly two-hour ceremony and then stood and walked

for a good 15 minutes after it ended to greet dozens of cardinals and bishops.

Francis, 85, told the crowd of over 45,000 that the 10 embodied holiness in everyday life, and said the church needs to embrace this idea. "Holiness does not consist of a few heroic gestures, but of many small acts of daily love," he said from his chair on the altar.

It was the first canonization Mass at the Vatican since before the coronavirus pandemic.

Officials from Italy, the Netherlands, France and India, as well as the faithful packed the piazza, which was adorned with Dutch flowers to honor the Rev. Titus Brandsma, a martyr saint killed at the Dachau concentration camp in 1942.

The new saints include the Indian convert Lazarus, known also as Devashayam, who mixed with India's lower castes and was considered treasonous by India's royal palace, which ordered him executed in 1752.

Also canonized was Cesar de Bus, a French priest who founded the Fathers of Christian Doctrine religious order and died in 1607; Luigi Maria Palazzolo, an Italian priest who cared for orphans and died in 1886; Giustino Maria Russolillo, an Italian priest who founded a religious order dedicated to promoting religious vocations and died in 1955; and Charles de Foucauld, a French missionary who lived among the Tuareg peoples in the Alge-

rian Sahara and was killed in 1916.

The nuns are: Marie Rivier, who overcame a sickly childhood in France to become a nun and found a religious order and died in 1838; Maria Francesca di Gesù Rubatto, an Italian nun who helped found a religious order and died in 1904 in Uruguay; and Italians Maria di Gesù Santocanale and Domenica Mantovani, who founded religious orders and died in 1923 and 1934, respectively.



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A news report about a COVID-19 outbreak in North Korea is shown Saturday at a train station in Seoul, South Korea. North Korea long said it was coronavirus-free. **AHN YOUNG-JOON/AP**

NKorea’s Kim laments virus response as outbreak grows

By Kim Tong-Hyung  
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea on Monday reported eight new deaths and 392,920 more people with fever symptoms amid a growing COVID-19 outbreak as leader Kim Jong Un blasted officials over delays in medicine deliveries and ordered his military to get involved in the pandemic response in the country’s capital, Pyongyang.

The North’s emergency anti-virus headquarters said more than 1.2 million people fell ill amid a rapid spread of fever since late April and about 564,860 are currently under quarantine.

The eight new deaths reported in the 24 hours through 6 p.m. Sunday brought the death toll up to 50.

State media didn’t specify how many of the fever cases and deaths were confirmed as COVID-19 cases. Experts say North Korea likely lacks testing supplies and equipment to confirm coronavirus infections in large numbers and is mostly relying on isolating people with

symptoms at shelters.

Experts say the failure to slow the virus could have dire consequences for North Korea, considering its poor health care system. Its population of 26 million people are believed to be mostly unvaccinated after their government had shunned millions of shots offered by the U.N.-backed COVAX distribution program, likely over concerns related to international monitoring requirements.

North Korea acknowledged its first COVID-19 outbreak last Thursday when it announced that an unspecified number of people in Pyongyang tested positive for the omicron outbreak.

Kim on Sunday criticized government and health officials over what he portrayed as a botched pandemic response, saying state medicine supplies aren’t being supplied to pharmacies in time because of their “irresponsible work attitude” and lack of organization, the North’s official Korean Central News Agency said.

The Politburo had issued an emergency order to

immediately release and quickly distribute state medicine reserves and for pharmacies to switch over to 24-hour shifts, but Kim said such steps weren’t being properly implemented. Kim ordered that the medical units of his military to get involved in stabilizing the supply of medicine in Pyongyang, KCNA said.

State media had previously said a workforce of more than 1.3 million — including public health officials, teachers and medical university students — were mobilized to find people with fevers or other symptoms so that they could be quarantined.

North Korea’s claim of a perfect record in keeping out the virus for 2 ½ years was widely doubted. But its extremely strict border closure, large-scale quarantines and propaganda that stressed anti-virus controls as a matter of “national existence” may have staved off a huge outbreak until now.

South Korea has offered to send vaccines and other supplies, but officials in Seoul say the North has not made such a request.

Okinawa marks 50 years of end to US rule amid protests

By Mari Yamaguchi  
Associated Press

TOKYO — Okinawa Gov. Denny Tamaki on Sunday urged Japan’s central government to do more to reduce the U.S. military presence in the southern island group as it marked the 50th anniversary of its return to Japan after 27 years of American rule, amid frustration and bitterness over a lack of support from the mainland.

Tamaki said Okinawa has come a long way since the devastation of World War II and nearly three decades of U.S. rule, which ended when it reverted to Japan on May 15, 1972.

“I call on the central government to share with the entire nation the significance of Okinawa’s reversion and the importance of permanent peace that Okinawans have long craved for,” Tamaki said.

Ceremonies marking the anniversary were held simultaneously in the Okinawan city of Ginowan, home to a disputed U.S. air station, and the other in Tokyo.

Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said he takes Okinawa’s concerns seriously and will make efforts to reduce the burden while still maintaining U.S. military deterrence on the islands.

Kishida and his minister in charge of the islands were in Okinawa, where hundreds of protesters rallied Saturday demanding a speedier reduction of U.S. military forces, as fears grow that Okinawa may become a front line of conflict amid rising China tensions.

More protests were held Sunday on Okinawa, including one in the prefectural capital of Naha, where nearly 1,000 people renewed their demands for peace.

Because of the U.S. bases, Okinawa faces burdens including noise, pollu-



Protesters on Sunday in the Okinawan city of Ginowan opposed the ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of Okinawa’s return to Japan after U.S. rule. **KYODO NEWS**

tion, accidents and crime related to American troops, Okinawan officials and residents say.

Adding to Okinawa’s fears is the growing deployment of Japanese missile defense and amphibious capabilities on Okinawa’s outer islands, including Ishigaki, Miyako and Yonaguni, which are close to geopolitical hot spots like Taiwan.

Okinawa was the site of one of the bloodiest battles of World War II, which killed about 200,000 people, nearly half of them Okinawan residents.

Okinawa was sacrificed by Japan’s imperial army to defend the mainland, and many Okinawans are skeptical that the Japanese military would protect them in future conflicts, experts say.

The U.S. military kept its troop presence on the island group for 20 years longer than most of Japan, until 1972, due to Okinawa’s strategic importance for Pacific security to deter Russia and communism.

Many Okinawans had hoped that the islands’ return to Japan would

improve the economy and human rights situation as well as base burdens.

Today, a majority of the 50,000 U.S. troops based in Japan under a bilateral security pact and 70% of military facilities are in Okinawa, which accounts for only 0.6% of Japanese land.

That burden has increased from less than 60% in 1972 because unwelcomed U.S. bases were moved from the mainland.

Emperor Naruhito, in an online speech from Tokyo, acknowledged “many issues” remain on Okinawa.

Okinawa’s average household income today is the lowest and its unemployment is the highest of Japan’s 47 prefectures.

U.S. President Joe Biden, who is scheduled to visit Japan next week, praised the strong U.S.-Japan alliance and their shared values and vision.

“I am profoundly grateful for Japan’s resolute support for democracy, freedom, and the rule of law and for Okinawa’s contribution to advancing these ideals,” Biden said in a statement.

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# Intrigue in Russia probe-linked trial

Verdict could cast doubt on inquiry or fire up Trump base

By Eric Tucker  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The first trial resulting from special counsel John Durham’s investigation of the early days of the Trump-Russia probe hardly seems an explosive affair. It’s about a single false statement that a cybersecurity lawyer with ties to the Hillary Clinton campaign is alleged to have made to the FBI in 2016.

Yet the stakes are high. The verdict in the case of lawyer Michael Sussmann will help shape the fate and legacy of Durham’s three-year probe. An acquittal would hasten questions about the purpose of the inquiry and the cost to taxpayers. A guilty verdict would energize supporters of Donald Trump who have long looked to Durham to expose what they see as biased mistreatment of the former president.

The trial, beginning Monday with jury selection in Washington’s federal court, will not focus on Trump’s claims of government misconduct during the FBI’s investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election in the United States. Jurors will not be asked to decide whether the Trump campaign coordinated with the Kremlin to tip the outcome of the race.

But the trial will rewind the clock to a frenetic stretch in recent American history when the FBI was scrambling to investigate ties between Trump and Russia — and the rival Clinton campaign was eager to push its own suspicions.

What’s the case about?

Sussmann is accused of lying to the FBI’s general counsel, James Baker, during a meeting on Sept.



Cybersecurity lawyer Michael Sussmann is alleged to have made a false statement to the FBI in 2016. JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP

19, 2016, in which Sussmann presented research that he said suggested a possible secret back channel of communications between computer servers for Russia-based Alfa Bank and Trump’s company, the Trump Organization.

The allegation of covert contact, if proved, would have been explosive at a time when the FBI was already investigating whether the Kremlin and the Trump campaign were conspiring to influence the election.

The claim was false, Durham says, but that’s not the lie at the center of the Sussmann case.

The indictment accuses Sussmann of misleading the FBI by denying that he was representing any particular client during the meeting when he was actually acting on behalf of two clients: the Clinton campaign and a technology executive who had helped assemble the computer data.

Why would it matter and what does Sussmann say?

Had the FBI known Sussmann was representing the interests of the Clinton campaign, prosecutors say, they would have carefully weighed his potential biases and motivations — as well as the reliability of the information he provided — before investigating the Alfa Bank allegations.

Prosecutors insist it was not a stray statement either, pointing to a text message they say Sussmann sent to Baker the night before the meeting in which he requested a sit-down and said that he would be coming on his own and “not on behalf of a client or company.”

Sussmann’s lawyers deny he lied during the meeting and point out that it wasn’t recorded and no one took notes. They say Sussmann’s Democratic Party affiliations were well known, including to the FBI. Beyond that,

they contend the false statement Sussmann is alleged to have made is ultimately irrelevant because they say there’s no evidence it influenced the FBI’s decision to begin investigating the Alfa Bank claims.

In addition, they point to notes from an FBI and Justice Department meeting from March 2017 in which the FBI’s then-deputy director is described as telling his colleagues the Alfa Bank claims were presented to law enforcement by a lawyer acting on behalf of clients. Sussmann’s lawyers say that shows the FBI understood Sussmann did indeed have a client in connection with the meeting.

They also have argued that allowing the case to proceed could have the effect of discouraging tipsters from reporting suspicions or potential wrongdoing to the FBI if they fear their motivations or possible political biases

would be scrutinized.

What does this have to do with Robert Mueller?

The prosecution centers on a limited slice of the original investigation into ties between Russia and the 2016 Trump campaign, which concluded in 2019 with a report from special counsel Robert Mueller and his team.

No matter the jury’s verdict, it will not affect the core findings of Mueller’s report — that Russia sought to aid Trump’s campaign but that insufficient evidence exists to prove the two sides criminally collaborated.

In fact, the Mueller report ignored the Alfa Bank allegations. The FBI did investigate but concluded by early 2017 that there was no troubling contact between the servers.

Even so, the case does make clear that Clinton associates leveraged professional contacts to present

the FBI with information about Trump they thought was deserving of investigation. And it will draw attention to the little-known world of cyber researchers who sift through internet data for potentially suspicious trends.

What is Durham investigating?

Durham, the former top federal prosecutor in Connecticut, was appointed in 2019 by then-Attorney General William Barr to examine whether anyone committed misconduct as federal agencies investigated Russian election interference.

His investigation has gone on longer than Mueller’s and he has charged three people so far, including Sussmann. Though Durham’s initial mandate was thought to focus on government officials, and though his team has interviewed FBI personnel, Justice Department lawyers and CIA officials, the investigation has also focused on private citizens such as Sussmann who came forward with information about Trump.

Durham was given the title of special counsel before Barr resigned to ensure he could continue his work in a new administration.

In 2020, a former FBI lawyer named Kevin Cline-smith pleaded guilty to altering an email related to secret FBI surveillance of an ex-Trump campaign adviser, Carter Page. In applying for warrants to eavesdrop on Page, the FBI relied on a dossier of anti-Trump research known colloquially as the “Steele dossier” that contained rumors and uncorroborated claims.

Last year, Durham charged a Russia analyst who was a source for that dossier with lying to the FBI about his own sources — among them, a longtime Clinton supporter. Igor Danchenko has pleaded not guilty. The case set for trial in October.

NEWS BRIEFING

## Independent probe points to Israeli fire in journalist’s death

From news services

JERUSALEM — As Israel and the Palestinians wrangle over the investigation into the killing of Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, several independent groups have launched their own probes.

One open-source research team said its initial findings lent support to Palestinian witnesses who said she was killed by Israeli fire.

The outcome of these investigations could help shape international opinion over who is responsible for Abu Akleh’s death, particularly if an official Israeli military probe drags on. Narratives from Israel and the Palestinians has put Israel on the defensive.

Abu Akleh, a Palestinian American and a 25-year veteran of the satellite channel, was killed last Wednesday while covering an Israeli military raid in the Jenin refugee camp in the occupied West Bank. She was a household name across the Arab world, known for documenting the hardship of Palestinian life under Israeli rule, now in its sixth decade.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Sunday said he had spoken to Abu Akleh’s family to express condolences and respect for her work “as well as the need to have an immediate and credible investigation” into her death.

Palestinian officials and witnesses, including journalists who were with her, say she was killed by army fire. The military, after initially saying Palestinian gunmen might have been responsible, later backtracked and now says she may also have been hit by errant Israeli fire.

Israel has called for a joint investigation with the Palestinians, saying the bullet

must be analyzed by ballistics experts to reach firm conclusions. Palestinian officials have refused, saying they don’t trust Israel, and have invited other countries to join the investigation.

Over the weekend, Bellincat, a Dutch-based international consortium of researchers, published an analysis of video and audio evidence gathered on social media. The material came from both Palestinian and Israeli military sources, and the analysis looked at such factors as time stamps, the locations of the videos, shadows and a forensic audio analysis of gunshots.

The group found that while gunmen and Israeli soldiers were both in the area, the evidence supported witness accounts that Israeli fire killed Abu Akleh.

**Lebanon election:** When Lebanon’s economic collapse accelerated six months ago, Abdul-Hamid Yamout lost his job at Beirut’s international airport — and with it all sense of security.

Since then, he’s struggled to provide for his family, worrying about his two children. On Sunday, he used the ballot box to punish the ruling class by voting for a list of independents.

“I will give them my vote because they want change,” he said, recalling his participation in nationwide protests against government corruption in 2019.

Yamout, 39, was among those voting for a new parliament Sunday, hoping to unseat the entrenched politicians they blame for the crisis.

A new crop of candidates from the protest movement are running against them, hoping to at least score a breakthrough by picking up a few seats. But they are divided and lack the money,



Sri Lankan protest: A protester who demands that Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa resign hangs lanterns to mark Buddha Poonnima or Vesak at a protest site near the president’s office Sunday in Colombo. Rajapaksa swore in four new Cabinet ministers Saturday in a try for stability until a full cabinet is formed with his nation in economic crisis. ERANGA JAYAWARDENA/AP

experience and other advantages held by traditional political rulers.

The vote took place against the backdrop of an economic meltdown that is rapidly transforming the country, triggering the biggest wave of emigration since its 15-year civil war ended in 1990.

Results are expected Monday.

**Somalis vote:** A former Somali president voted out of power in 2017 has been returned to the nation’s top office after defeating the incumbent leader in a protracted contest decided by legislators in a third round of voting late Sunday.

Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, who served as Somalia’s president between 2012 and 2017, won the contest in the capital, Mogadishu, amid a security lockdown imposed by authorities to prevent deadly militant attacks.

“Victory belongs to Somali people, and this is

the beginning of the era of unity, the democracy of Somalia and the beginning of the fight against corruption,” Mohamud said after winning the vote.

The first round of voting was contested by 36 hopefuls, four of whom proceeded to the second round. With no candidate winning at least two-thirds of the 328 ballots, voting went into a third round.

**New Mexico wildfires:** Crews fighting the second-largest wildfire in New Mexico’s history are trying to take advantage of several days of mild winds to gain control over a fire that had charred more than 450 square miles by Sunday.

Fire officials said the wildfire grew by about 14 square miles since Saturday night but now was at 36% containment, up from 27%.

It was originally forecast that winds would pick up Monday, but fire officials said that likely won’t happen until later in the week.

**Shanghai outbreak:** Supermarkets, malls and restaurants in Shanghai will be allowed to open in a limited capacity starting Monday, officials said, even while it remained unclear whether residents would be let out from their homes.

Vice Mayor Chen Tong said Sunday that grocery stores, malls, convenience stores and pharmacies will be allowed to reopen while implementing measures that “reduce the flow of people.”

Agricultural markets will be allowed to reopen while ensuring “no-contact” transactions. Restaurants will be allowed to serve takeout.

But Shanghai’s transportation department said Sunday that all subway lines in the city had stopped operating. It was unclear when those services would restart.

**Deadlock in UK:** British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is heading to Northern Ireland on Monday to try to

end a political deadlock that is preventing the formation of a regional administration.

The trip comes amid threats by Johnson’s government to break the Brexit agreement with the European Union that it signed, but now blames for the crisis.

Johnson said there would be “a necessity to act” if the EU didn’t agree to overhaul post-Brexit trade rules.

Voters in Northern Ireland elected a new Assembly this month, in an election that saw Irish nationalist party Sinn Fein win the most seats. It was the first time a party that seeks union with the Republic of Ireland has won an election in the bastion of Protestant unionist power.

The Democratic Unionist Party came second and is refusing to form a government, or even allow the assembly to sit, until Johnson’s government checks on goods entering Northern Ireland from the rest of the U.K.



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# OPINION

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OP-ED

## Anchor your boating season with safety

By Jeff Dziedzic

As a result of the pandemic-fueled boom in boat sales, the number of boats on the water in and around Connecticut has skyrocketed over the past two years. Since there is such a higher number of boaters, many of whom are first-time owners, it's important that we all keep safety in mind.

One way the boating industry does this is through National Safe Boating Week (May 21-27). The annual event brings awareness of safe boating practices before the start of the summer boating season. As we have recently seen here in Wyassup Lake and on Long Island Sound, it's time for awareness. Three people died last month — including a child — in two boating accidents in Connecticut. One incident involved a capsized boat, and the other involved boaters in distress in rough sea conditions just off the coast.

According to the most recent U.S. Coast Guard recreational boating statistics, Connecticut has also experienced a three-year uptick in boating accidents. In 2020, there were 54 boating accidents, an increase of 14 from 2019. The Coast Guard also reported a sharp increase in the number of overall deaths last year from May through July, which underscores the importance of practicing boating safety right now.

We know that many accidents are preventable. We want all boaters — from the novice to seasoned boaters — to consider these essential safe boating tips as they prepare to shove off for the first time this year:

■ **Know the new laws and regulations:** As of April 1, 2021, recreational boats less than 26 feet in length are required to have and use an engine cut-off switch, if equipped, which is designed to stop a boat's engine if the operator is thrown from the helm. Additionally, a new fire extinguisher regulation effective April 20 requires that disposable fire extinguishers must be replaced 12 years after they are manufactured. If you have questions about these regulations, take advantage of a free vessel safety check through your local U.S. Coast Guard auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadron.



According to the most recent U.S. Coast Guard recreational boating statistics, Connecticut has experienced a three-year uptick in boating accidents. Many accidents are preventable by following safe-boating practices. **TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY**

■ **Wear your life jacket:** Accidents can happen without warning, and by the time you find yourself in distress, it might be too late to put on a life jacket. The BoatUS Foundation's Life Jacket Loaner Program for kids provides a free and simple way to borrow an infant, child or teen life jacket, with loaner locations at many marinas, boat clubs and other waterfront locations.

■ **Take a boating safety course:** Learn valuable tips before putting your boat in the water. Many courses can be

completed online.

■ **File a float plan:** Make sure someone you trust knows where you're boating. Include details about the trip, your boat, and the number of people aboard.

■ **Check the forecast:** This includes the wind, as well as the air and water temperature, in addition to forecasts for inclement weather. Keep in mind that if you're in the water on a seemingly warm and sunny day, you can still succumb to hypothermia if the water is cold.

■ **Don't drink and boat:** Alcohol use is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents.

Boating can bring amazing experiences to you, your family and friends. By following these tips, we can all have a safe and enjoyable boating season that will go down in the memory books for years to come.

*Capt. Jeff Dziedzic is the owner/operator of TowBoatUS Old Saybrook and TowBoatUS Mystic.*

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### We must reduce our reliance on fossil fuels

The Courant seems to ignore the relationship between fuel prices and climate change. Case in point: The Insight section May 8. Two professors from the University of New Haven cite government officials and other experts wringing their hands about how much of the recent fuel-tax reduction will be passed to consumers, without acknowledging the bigger issue.

If we are serious about climate change, we have to reduce fossil fuel consumption, which means changing habits, particularly driving. We need to think twice about driving 4 miles for a bottle of shampoo. People need to buy smaller, more fuel-efficient and electric cars. People need to use public transportation — take the train or bus to New York. People need to live closer to work.

You can't legislate this stuff, and you can't make it happen overnight, but higher fuel costs will encourage us all in the right direction. Instead of reducing the gasoline tax, we should have reduced the general sales tax, so that people could afford the gasoline they really need. This idea is hard for politicians, which is why we need The Courant.

**Rick Keppelman, Hartford**

#### Support bipartisan legislation to help children

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and it has never been more important to prioritize mental health support for children. As a medical student training to become a physician-scientist, and a first generation Ukrainian in the U.S., I am compelled to advocate for the health and safety of all children affected by crises. Consider the 7.5 million children in Ukraine. According to UNICEF, half of these children have been displaced from their homes, and many experience daily food and water insecurity. How are they possibly coping with the trauma they've experienced?

I am concerned that, without intervention, the childhood mental health crisis will continue to worsen and impede the healthy development and future success



Rising prices at the pump should encourage us all to reduce our consumption of fossil fuels. **MARTA LAVANDIER/AP**

of millions of children. That's why I am supportive of the Mental Health in International Settings Act, a bill that would dedicate U.S. humanitarian efforts toward mental health support for vulnerable children. Join me and Save the Children Action Network in urging Sen. Christopher Murphy to support this bipartisan legislation, which would help build a brighter future.

**Marta Stetsiv, Farmington**

#### Blumenthal not one to pass up a photo-op

Am I the only one who has not seen a picture of Sen. Richard Blumenthal in The Courant for at least the last two weeks? How can this be? There must have been at least one photo opportunity his staff suggested he attend because it seems he doesn't miss many. I thought Joe Lieberman was the most photographed politician East of the Mississippi, but Blumenthal has certainly surpassed him. It's almost inconceivable that he has such passionate, deep beliefs in all the causes he shows up for. I wonder how prepared he is, especially since he recently spoke to a Communist-affiliated group, and later had to admit he didn't know of its affiliation. But hey, he had the photo shot.

**David Sieben, Niantic**

### OP-ED

## She dreamed of being a nurse — but then ran afoul of a Texas court

By George F. Will  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — On a recent morning in Austin, Texas, the resilient Erma Wilson, 45, dressed in her certified nursing assistant's gear, was heading for her job, which she likes. It is not, however, the job she has aspired to for 36 years, since at age 9 she decided she wanted to become a registered nurse. That dream died because of her felony conviction in Midland, Texas, where she grew up and had an astonishing encounter with the criminal justice system.

Speaking by Zoom, Wilson recalls that in August 2000 she and some girlfriends were hanging out in the Flats, a bars-and-restaurants concentration where young people gathered. A police officer beckoned her to approach his patrol car. When she asked why, he replied, "Just bring your ass here." She says, "I just started backpedaling, then I ran." She was wrong to run but right to be wary.

Because she fled, Wilson was handcuffed, placed in the patrol car and told that crack cocaine had been found on the ground — not an unprecedented event in the Flats — near where she had been standing. She truthfully said it was not hers; they said they would release her if she told them who the crack belonged to; she said she did not know; they charged Wilson with possession of a controlled substance. Wilson was offered various plea bargains if she would plead guilty to possession of a controlled substance. She refused, putting her trust in the justice system.

At her trial, the police admitted that they never saw Wilson possess crack or drug paraphernalia, and that she did not appear under the influence of drugs. But the trial, in which Midland Assistant District Attorney Weldon "Ralph" Petty Jr. likely advised his fellow prosecutors who were working the case, included judicial rulings adverse to Wilson. She was convicted of possession of a controlled substance. Petty allegedly drafted the judge's final judgment and sentencing order.

As a first-time offender, Wilson was sentenced to eight years of probation. And, effectively, to decades of disappointment: Texas denies registered nursing licenses to people convicted of drug-related offenses.

She did not know — few did until recently, and the few evidently did not think it important — that Petty was multitasking. He was a sort of utility infielder, like those who can play several positions in baseball. Except Petty was playing for

two different teams simultaneously — for Midland's prosecutors, of whom he was one, and for the judges, for whom he worked as a paid law clerk.

For nearly 20 years, the Institute for Justice says, prosecutor Petty routinely engaged in highly improper communications and collaborations with judges, for whom he drafted opinions and orders favoring the prosecution in more than 300 cases. In these, defendants were denied their constitutional (14th Amendment) due process rights. One defendant, convicted in 2003 of capital murder in a Petty-tainted trial, spent 17 years in solitary confinement on death row until last September, when Texas's Court of Criminal Appeals freed him because of Petty's dual role.

Wilson is suing Petty and Albert Schorre Jr., the district attorney who hired him and who knew, but never disclosed to the defendants or their lawyers, the fact that Petty was advising judges on, and authoring rulings on, his motions before them.

Amazingly, his behavior was *not* surreptitious: Petty's employment contract with Midland's district attorney's office stipulated that he could "continue the performance of legal services" for the district judges, and he sent invoices for his work to the state of Texas.

The Wild West willingness of some Midland officials to ignore some elementary judicial norms is inexplicable. *Something* gave them a sense of impunity. This sense began to unravel when an Internal Revenue Service auditor wondered about Petty's financial relationships with two supposedly independent branches of Midland County's criminal justice system. But the misbehavior was not publicly disclosed until after Petty retired in 2019. He is no longer allowed to practice law in the state of Texas.

Wilson, represented by the Institute for Justice, hopes to penetrate the shield of immunity that protects prosecutors from paying financial damages when they violate defendants' constitutional rights. Violations are frequent nationwide; redress is rare.

Wilson hopes her conviction will be expunged. Then, "I am immediately signing up for [nursing] school. I am so ready." Her experience is a timely reminder that the Supreme Court is not the only court that matters, and all courts need to be watched, carefully.

*George F. Will writes about politics and domestic and foreign affairs for The Washington Post.*

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OBITUARIES BY TOWN

NewingtonMaria A. Maselli

West HartfordMaria A. Maselli

\* Denotes name listing only.  
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Maselli, Maria Antoinette Rosalie  
(Distefano)



Maria Antoinette Rosalie Distefano Maselli (Mary), age 96, left this world peacefully on May 12th, 2022. She was born in Boston, MA and lived much of her life in Newington, CT. Proud of her Sicilian heritage, and with a love for her family, her home on Juniper St was always filled with the warm scents of homemade soups, meatballs, garlic, scrambled eggs, Italian cookies, hot chocolate, and a place for everyone at the table. Although standing only five feet tall, she possessed a fierce strength and the heart of a fighter that allowed her to beat cancer twice, and survive COVID. She is survived by her three loving children Paula, Edward (Dawn), and Lisa (James) as well as her niece Debra (Dennis), 11 grandchildren who adored her, and six great-grandchildren who were lucky enough to call her GG. She joins her husband, Edward Maselli, in heaven after 15 long years apart. She also joins her son-in-law, Alan, two grandchildren, Paul and Joseph, as well as her eight brothers and sisters, and two special little dogs who she can sing to again. Services will be at Newington Memorial on Thursday, May 19th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., followed by a service at 11:00 a.m. Burial will take place immediately after at West Meadow cemetery, where she will be laid to rest next to her beloved husband. At the request of the family, masks must be worn. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Special Olympics West Hartford. Please remember her by being kind to people.



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The Town of Berlin is seeking proposals  
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Way. This project will be funded by The  
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Environmental Protection (DEEP) and will  
follow the guidelines of the grant.

One (1) original and five (5) copies (1/2  
dozen total) of sealed proposals must be re-  
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Berlin, CT 06037 by 10:00AM on June 9,  
2022. The Town will not accept submis-  
sions by e-mail or fax. The Town will reject  
proposals received after the date and time  
noted above. The documents comprising the  
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## Connecticut

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27, 2022 at 2:00pm in the Finance Office  
of the Newington Board of Education, 200  
Garfield Street, Newington, CT. Bids will be  
opened at that time.

There will be a non-mandatory virtual pre-bid  
meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at  
11:00am. Any available specifications and/  
or drawings will be available for downloading  
from the BOE website starting on May 17th.  
Please email sfletcher@npsect.org for meet-  
ing details.

The bid encompasses work for a site contrac-  
tor to prepare the area where a new parking  
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### Connecticut

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#### Legal Notice

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Proposals are due May 26, 2022 before 2:00  
PM. All bids will be publicly opened by The  
Boys & Girls Village, all hand delivered bids  
to be checked in at the Program Services  
Building main entrance reception desk. Each  
bid must be submitted with one (1) original  
and two (2) copies. Late bids or bids received  
at any other location will not be accepted.  
The scope of work documents will be avail-  
able from the receptionist office, contact  
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Village 528 Wheelers Farms Road, prospec-  
tive bidders will meet for the walkthrough at  
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For further information please contact:

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Contact person: Joseph Smarrelli  
203-494-9805  
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## Local wins big on Netflix game show

Hartford trivia host's made-up answers get \$50K in 'Bull——'

By Jake Dressler  
Special to the Courant

HARTFORD — If you've ever attended a local trivia contest in Hartford, you might have bumped into Brian Harris. He's one of Hartford's most popular trivia hosts, hosting games on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Parkville Market, Marlboro Tavern and City Steam Brewery. He's been hosting trivia for about five years and devises original questions and themes to be featured in his games. Now local trivia fanatics can watch Harris perform on the big screen TV in a new Netflix trivia game show dubbed "Bull——."

The show is hosted by comedian and actor Howie Mandel, the former host of "Deal or No Deal" who also voiced Gizmo in "Gremlins" and more. In the new game, one player takes the stage and is asked a trivia question. The player has the option to answer the question correctly or make an answer up. The other contestants stand by and must decide if the players answers are true or not (hence the name of the show.) If all contestants choose bull——, then the player is eliminated. If the player can keep convincing the other contestants that they are telling the truth, then they move to the next round where they can win more money. "Contestants strive to correctly answer difficult trivia questions. And when they can't, they simply move on to plan B: lying through their teeth," the Netflix site for the

### More info

You can see Harris on Netflix or see him in the flesh at one of his weekly Hartford games. He hosts a game at Parkville Market on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and two games on Wednesdays, one at Marlboro Tavern at 6 p.m. and another at City Steam at 8 p.m. His games often follow pop culture and TV themes.

show explains.

"Honesty may be a virtue, but on this game show hosted by Emmy nominee Howie Mandel, it's never the best policy," it says.

In his first four rounds, Harris didn't answer a single question correctly but managed to convince the other players that

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Brian Harris on the Netflix game show "Bull——." He got no answers right but won \$50,000. NETFLIX/COURTESY



Surrounded by employees of both Falcetti Music and the Playhouse Theatre Group, Tony Falcetti, center, and his wife, Tracy Flater, cut the ribbon on their new, shared location in Simsbury on Wednesday. STEVE SMITH PHOTOS/COURANT COMMUNITY

### POLICE BRIEFS

#### SHELTON

#### 17-year-old killed, 3 injured in stabbing

Police are investigating a Saturday night stabbing incident in which three were injured and a 17-year-old boy died. Officers were dispatched just before midnight Saturday after a report of fighting and a stabbing. The officers arrived at the scene and found numerous teenagers outside a residence on Laurel Glen Drive, police said. Four stabbing victims were located and promptly given medical attention, police said. One of the victims, a 17-year-old boy, was later pronounced dead. No arrests have been made. Police are looking for videos of the incident. Anyone with information is asked to contact Shelton Police Detective Bureau at 203-924-1544.

— Shreyas Laddha

#### MANCHESTER

#### Store owner accused of soliciting sex from students

The 40-year-old owner of a Manchester convenience store is facing several charges after allegedly soliciting sexual favors from high school students in exchange for store products, according to police. The Manchester Police Department Child Investigations Unit received information in April that Muhammed Adrees, the owner of Manchester Mini Mart & Tobacco at 352 Main St., allegedly offered THC and tobacco vape pens to juveniles in exchange for sexual favors, police said in a press release. After an investigation and the identification of multiple victims, police issued an arrest warrant for Adrees. Adrees surrendered to police Friday and was charged with two counts of fourth-degree sexual assault and two counts of risk of injury to a child. He was released from custody after posting a court-set \$100,000 cash/surety bond. He is scheduled to appear in Superior Court in Manchester on June 17. Anyone with information related to the investigation is asked to contact the Manchester Police Department at 860-645-5500 or the lead investigator, Det. Jason Pontz, at 860-645-5545.

— Ted Glanzer

#### MANCHESTER

#### One dead in fiery crash on Center Street

A person died in a fiery one-car crash in Manchester early Sunday, police said. The crash occurred around 2 a.m. on Center Street. Emergency personnel found the car heavily damaged and fully engulfed in flames, with the lone occupant apparently trapped inside, police said. The car struck a utility pole and a fence before crashing into the wall of a building at 600 Center St., police said. They said speed appeared to be a factor. Manchester firefighters put out the fire, and the driver was pronounced dead at the scene, police said. The driver's identity is being withheld pending notification of family. Police ask anyone with information about the crash to contact Officer Ashley Skolnick at 860-645-5560.

— Shreyas Laddha

#### HARTFORD

#### One injured in suspected accidental shooting

HARTFORD — Police are investigating a shooting incident after a gunshot victim arrived late Saturday night at Hartford Hospital for treatment. Officers were dispatched to the hospital at 10:55 p.m. and found a man in his 20s with a gunshot wound. He was alert and conscious. Police determined the shooting took place in the area of 73 Colonial St. and said, at this point in the investigation, the shooting appears to be accidental. Anyone with any information is asked to call the HPD Tip Line at 860-722-TIPS (8477).

— Shreyas Laddha

## Shared arts space in Simsbury a perfect fit

### Falcetti Music, Playhouse Theatre Group team up for new location

By Steve Smith  
Courant Community

A ribbon-cutting and open house was held Wednesday to welcome Falcetti Music and the Playhouse Theatre Group to their new, shared location at 540 Hopmeadow St. in Simsbury. The marriage of the two companies utilizing the same location makes more sense after considering that Falcetti Music owner Tony Falcetti and Tracy Flater, Playhouse on Park's executive director, are married. "We went to our back deck and negotiated over a gin and tonic," Flater said. "It took about two minutes to decide that we couldn't resist." "It was a tough negotiation," Falcetti said. Flater explained that the educational arm of Playhouse on Park, the Playhouse Theatre Academy, will use the space for its classroom instruction, rehearsal and performance

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The facility at 540 Hopmeadow St. in Simsbury includes a performance space for music and theater.

### AUTO REVIEW

## Aston Martin DBX exudes SUV luxury, power



The Aston Martin DBX is shown April 20 in Boston, Massachusetts. MARC GRASSO/BOSTON HERALD

**ASTON MARTON DBX**  
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By Marc Grasso  
Boston Herald

Porsche, Bentley and Mercedes walk into a room ... As a certified car fanatic, I wish that was actually a thing, but seriously, the appreciation of vehicles near and far is a real passion. Going to car shows or seeing rare/exotic cars is really a pleasure to enjoy. Now getting the stars to align is the hard part, but when the phone rings and it's Aston Martin, we always answer. This time they want us to enjoy their recently released DBX, the most powerful, and most luxurious SUV offered in their fleet today. In Grasso's Garage, we never say no. As Aston Martin enters the SUV market, the opportunity to do it right is at the forefront. With Porsche-like exterior styling, Bentley-like interior accouterments and Mercedes power under the hood, what could go wrong? The best of three worlds

exist and the Aston Martin DBX makes it happen. Top speed comes in at 181 with 542 horsepower of V8 4.0-liter twin-turbo engine power. To say this is awesome, is an understatement. With a zero-to-60 time of just over 4 seconds, the DBX is really a dream machine to drive, ride in and drool about. Did we mention torque? Oh, let's not forget that. How about 516 foot-pounds of torque right to the wheels. The nine-speed automatic transmission with oversized paddle shifters was effortless and transitioned smoothly. The exterior styling of our Xenon Grey Aston Martin is second to none. It truly doesn't get any more elegant than the curvatures of the entire fleet. For the DBX, we see similarities while the unsure onlookers have no idea what to think. The DBX offers Aston Martin's historical DB grille that flows into

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he was telling the truth.

He had won \$50,000 and was given the option to play another round with the possibility of winning \$75,000 or losing his initial \$50,000. He chose to quit while he was ahead.

“I’ve completely lost the trust of every player up here,” Harris said on the show. Mandel responded, “I know. The fact that you got \$50K for not knowing anything, that’s what I love about this game!”

Harris’s final trivia question asked about the origins of famed astronaut Buzz Aldrin’s nickname “Buzz.” Harris concocted a fake story about how Buzz Aldrin was raised on a bumble bee farm.

“I went to school in Columbus, Ohio, and Buzz Aldrin is from a Youngstown, Ohio, farm and he was raised on a honeybee farm in Ohio. You always see signs about the Aldrin bee farm,” Harris told a panel of skeptical contestants. Only one of them didn’t buy it.

“Were you finally telling the truth this time?” Mandel asked.

“Nah, that was BS,” said Harris. The real answer was that Aldrin’s sister used to call him “Buzzer.”

“The Buzz Aldrin answer was so farfetched I thought no one was going to believe me,” Harris said in an interview. “I was really nervous, so I came up with that thing about the bee farm. I lived in Ohio so just kind of floated the story about that, ‘Aldrin’s bee farm, you see it always when you come into Ohio.’”



Howie Mandel, pictured at the Kids Choice Awards in April, hosts a new Netflix trivia game show dubbed “Bull——.” **JORDAN STRAUSS/AP**

Harris said he planned to spend his winnings to fix his flooded basement, build a studio and maybe buy his 16-year-old son his first car. “This is going to help me live easier,” said Harris. “My basement is going to be changed around. I got into doing voice work and advertisements when COVID hit, so I may make a little studio so I can keep doing that.”

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spaces.

Falcetti will use the individual studios for lessons, as well as the larger spaces for ensemble classes and performances.

“Playhouse Theatre will have classes for people as young as toddlers, all the way up to adult,” Flater said. “We are also using it for rehearsal space as needed.”

“We have a long history, going back to 1957,” Falcetti said of the business his father started in Springfield. “We’ve taught 4 million lessons over the past 65 years. We had a store in Enfield for years, and we had owned a building in East Springfield. We consolidated a few years ago, but were looking for something in the Farmington Valley. We were waiting for the opportunity to come, and this was just the right timing.”

The space was built by the Hartt School of Music as a satellite location, during a time when Flater was working at Hartt, and she was instrumental in helping to build the space.

When she heard that it was going to be vacated by Hartt and potentially renovated for office use, she didn’t want to see that happen.

“It’s such a great teaching space, and it was so successful when I worked here,” she said. “I was looking for more teaching space, and Tony teaches a lot of music

lessons. It just made sense. So, we decided to just do it together.”

Falcetti said the space was a fit, because it was pre-made for acoustic separation between the studios, which is something that is more complicated to put into new buildings, which he has done many times.

“They take a lot of time and are very expensive to build,” he said. “To be able to walk into this facility built to a world-class level we were super-excited, so we jumped on it.”

Private education, group programs, and outreach programs are among Falcetti’s offerings at the Simsbury facility. Falcetti will employ approximately 15 to 20 music teachers.

Morgan Hilyard, executive director of the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce, said she’s happy to see the two entities share the space.

“I think it’s the perfect town to have these two businesses, and I think the community will take advantage of this opportunity,” she said.

Simsbury First Selectman Wendy Mackstutis also welcomed the businesses.

“A lot of kids in the high school are looking for voice lessons, or taking theater classes,” she said. “This is just a great opportunity in everybody’s backyard to take advantage of that.”

For more information, visit [www.playhouseonpark.org](http://www.playhouseonpark.org) or [www.falcettimusic.com](http://www.falcettimusic.com).

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the vented and sculptured hood with elaborate chrome additions. Selectable drive-modes, 22-inch wheels, high performance braking and full LED lights are standard.

Stepping into the DBX is really an enjoy-

able experience. Boasting a 10-inch infotainment system including navigation, which operates from the touchpad on the center console, the options are endless and the utilization is swift. The seats were very comfortable, the ride was very quiet and the convenience was certainly top of mind when engineering the DBX. As I like to call it, it was developed around the driver and

for good reason.

Similar to other upscale manufacturers, you can option these up as much as you want. Our tester had over \$39,000 in options alone.

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## PETS UP FOR ADOPTION



### Buddy

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### Max and Mimi

Mimi and her brother Max are 8 months old. They had a home, but unfortunately the daughter was highly allergic and ended up in the hospital. Sadly they are now looking for a home again. They are very bonded and always have been. They need to be adopted together. Both are love bugs. If interested, call AFOC at 860-693-0303.

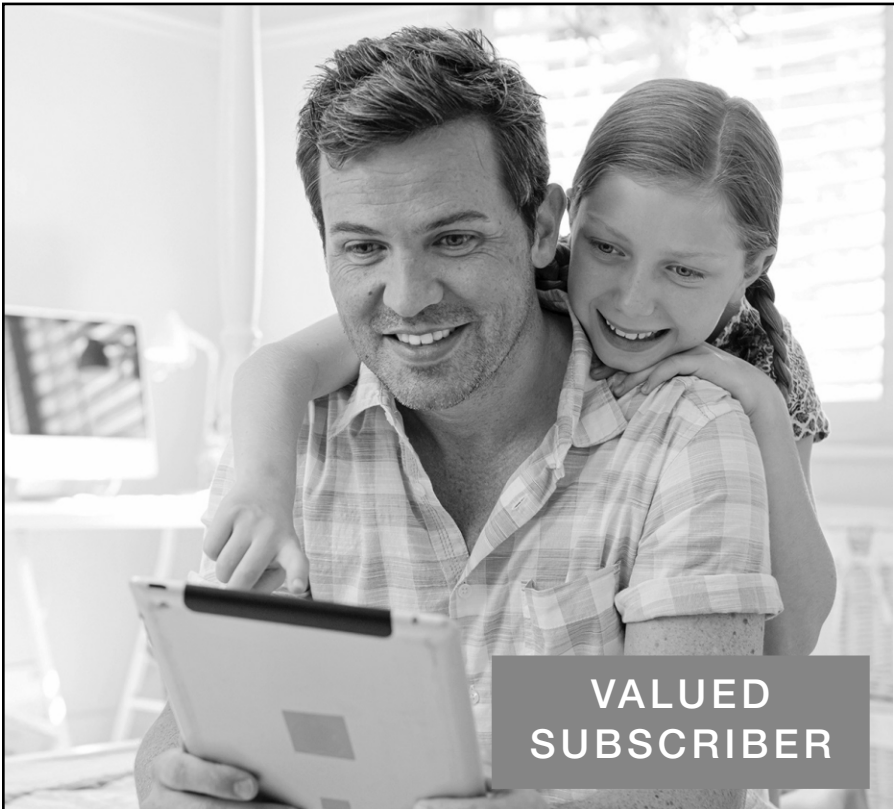


### Wilbur and Orville

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# NOW PLAYING

Reviews of movies showing in theaters or streaming online

**‘DOCTOR STRANGE’:** This latest Marvel Cinematic Universe bid to keep the MCU going until we’re all moldering underground is not business as usual. It is a paradox: a glumly playful experiment in testing the story limits of multiverse travel, while dramatizing all the wrong ways of dealing with grief, guilt and a broken heart (Doctor Strange’s and the Scarlet Witch’s). The script’s a messy sort of mess. There are also clear signs of a nervy director at work. We begin with a bittersweet wedding. Stephen Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch), who nearly destroyed our world in order to save it from Thanos, attends the nuptials of his one true love (Rachel McAdams), who is marrying another. All of a CGI sudden, a one-eyed giant octopus from another dimension appears on the Manhattan streets below, in violent pursuit of a new character, young America Chavez (Xochitl Gomez). This teenager is blessed/ cursed with the ability to move in and out of other universes. And this makes her valuable to Wanda Maximoff, aka the Scarlet Witch (Elizabeth Olsen, whose grief has turned to monomaniacal rage). In “Doc Strange 2” Wanda has lost touch with her better instincts, having availed herself of the “Darkhold,” which sounds like something Baron von Raschke used to try in the wrestling ring. The antidote to the Darkhold is the hallowed Book of the Vishanti, which is the very thing Strange and America are after in the nightmare vision of the prologue. All this determines the fate of the multiverse, while factoring into an audience’s enjoyment of the movie not much at all.

2:06. 2 ½ stars. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

**‘HAPPENING’:** Audrey Diwan’s masterly second feature, “Happening,” is the story of a young woman trying to save her own life; a harrowing, tense and utterly riveting survival story. The question of whether or not our young hero, Anne (Anamaria Vartolomei), racing against the clock, will make it out with her future intact is the urgently dramatic question at hand. “Happening” is the story of an abortion, one that the French writer Annie Ernaux underwent in her early 20s as a college student, in 1960s France, when abortion was illegal there. It was an experience that she documented in her 2000 memoir “L’Événement,” which Diwan and Marcia Romano adapted for the screen. “Happening,” which won the Golden Lion at the 2021 Venice Film Festival, is a powerful argument for life: for Anne’s life, in fact, and her right to live hers how she chooses. In French with English subtitles. 1:39. 4 stars. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Services*

**‘HATCHING’:** In the fantastical Finnish horror fairytale “Hatching,” the directorial debut of Hannah Bergholm, a young girl hatches a murderous bird monster out of an egg that she secretly nests in her bed, and that’s not even the scariest part — her perfectionist mommy blogger mother strikes the truest terror in the film. Like many great monster movies, “Hatching” uses a monster as a metaphor for repressed emotion, and the creature at the center of this film is one of the most uniquely grotesque

creations seen on screen in a long time. In Finnish with English subtitles. 1:27. 3 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

**‘THE INNOCENTS’:** The babes in the woods of Eskil Vogt’s “The Innocents” are some of the scariest kids you’ll see on movie screens this year. Bored over the summer holidays and living in a large Norwegian housing development, they while away the long summer hours inflicting a kind of casual cruelty on animals and other children, motivated by childish curiosity, subconscious trauma and newly discovered psychic abilities. With a careful economy of storytelling, Vogt lays out how and why these kids end up trapped in this destructive cycle. In Norwegian with English subtitles. Available via video on demand. 1:57. 3 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

**‘MEMORY’:** Back in 2001, Guy Pearce starred in Christopher Nolan’s “Memento,” a film about a man tracking down his wife’s killer while suffering from memory loss, using notes and tattoos on his body to remember clues in his search. In 2022, he’s co-starring in a film in which a contract killer suffering from early onset Alzheimer’s uses similar methods in order to keep track of details. But that’s where the comparisons between “Memento” and Martin Campbell’s “Memory” end. The former was a groundbreaking neo-noir classic; the latter is best forgotten as soon as possible. “Memory” is yet another entry in the Liam Neeson Gets Revenge sub-genre, a sprawling body of work that sprung up after the surprise



Colin Firth and Matthew Macfadyen star in “Operation Mincemeat.” GILES KEYTE/NETFLIX

success of the 2008 action-thriller “Taken.” You know the drill: a child or some other vulnerable person is threatened, his character has got a very particular set of skills, rescue and/or vengeance ensues. That’s at least one of the plots of “Memory,” a tangled mess of intertwining storylines and too many two-dimensional characters. In English and Spanish with English subtitles. 1:53. 1 ½ stars. — *Katie Walsh*

**‘THE NORTHMAN’:** In 1982, “Conan the Barbarian” enticed audiences with a poster promising four phases of a rough man’s rough life: “Thief. Warrior. Gladiator. King.” “The Northman,” which wanders narratively but, as cinema, basically eats “Conan” for breakfast, follows what might be considered a similar career path: Prince, followed by Slave, then Viking Marauder, and finally Newly Sensitized Lover and Potential Family Man. Alexander Skarsgard takes the title role, as well as taking a fair bit of on-screen punishment en route to a climactic battle at the Gates of Hel. There, at Hel, Amleth, played by Skarsgard, wields his mighty sword against his kingdom-usurping uncle (Claes Bang) surrounded by rivers of flaming molten lava. They’re nude, discreetly silhouetted,

and as in much of “The Northman” the scene’s melding of digital and practical effects and design strategies doesn’t lead to the usual fantasy generic. Robert Eggers creates worlds that used to be, or never were, but thanks to his chosen medium, there they are, vivid and alive. 2:16. 3 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

**‘ON THE COUNT OF THREE’:** Comedian Jerrod Carmichael is officially a triple threat. The writer and performer can now add director to his bio, making his debut with the pitch-black suicide comedy “On the Count of Three,” in which he co-stars opposite Christopher Abbott. The film, which Carmichael directed from a script written by “The Carmichael Show” writer Ari Katcher, who co-wrote with Ryan Welch, premiered at this year’s Sundance Film Festival. The film opens in medias res, with lifelong best friends Kevin (Abbott) and Val (Carmichael) about to shoot each other in the head outside of a strip club at 10 in the morning. Rewinding a few hours, we come to find out how these best friends found themselves there, which begins with Val getting a promotion at the Feed & Seed shop where he works, and attempting to hang himself in the bathroom while his co-worker sings Travis

Tritt’s “It’s a Great Day to Be Alive” at the urinal. Val’s failure leads him to break Kevin out of the psychiatric hospital where he has been committed for attempting suicide himself, because Val thinks the only way to get it right is for the best friends to do it together. However, Kevin, a newly freed man, blanches. He wants one last day. 1:26. 3 stars. Available via video on demand. — *Katie Walsh*

**‘OPERATION MINCEMEAT’:** With any war movie, the safe audience bet typically favors the immediate, graphic horrors of battle. That way, when you see a title such as “Hacksaw Ridge,” you know a director will be operating with a cinematic license to slaughter. Espionage makes for subtler, trickier storytelling. “Operation Mincemeat” takes as its subject a singular feat of deception cooked up by British intelligence in 1943. How decisively the operation turned the Allied tide against Nazi Germany is up for historical debate. But the men and women of MI5 assuredly helped make the invasion of Sicily a key Allied military success. Streaming on Netflix. 2:08. 3 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

**RATINGS:** The movies listed are rated according to the following key: 4 stars, excellent; 3 stars, good; 2 stars, fair; 1 star, poor.

## CELEBRITIES

# Timberlake joins wife Biel in ‘Candy’

From news services

Viewers tuning in to “Candy,” starring Jessica Biel, may recognize a familiar face: Biel’s husband, Justin Timberlake. The musician and actor portrays a deputy who investigates the killing on which the show is centered.

Biel, a co-executive producer on the project, says Timberlake first approached her producing partner, Michelle Purple, about wanting to be involved.

“They sort of had this whole plan. I didn’t even know about it at first. And then I thought he was kidding. And then he said, ‘No, for real, I want to do this.’ And then it was off to the races. He was getting a wig fitting, it was so fun and was such a good surprise.”

Biel admits to being worried at first about whether their dynamic would “translate at work” but that quickly went away.

“I actually felt total peace when he was around. Like, I knew he was going to hold that sort of safe space for me to work in the way I needed to and be nonjudgmental and open and free. And he gave me the freedom to improvise, which he’s so good at and I’m less comfortable with.”

In “Candy,” Biel plays Candy Montgomery, a wife and mother in Texas who begins an affair with a man from her town and ends up killing his wife, Betty (played by Melanie Lynskey), with an ax. The story is based on a real case from 1980. The real-life Montgomery pleaded not guilty and a jury sided with her.

Timberlake isn’t the only surprise casting in the show: Lynskey’s husband, Jason Ritter, plays Timberlake’s partner. Biel credits “Candy” co-creator and



Jessica Biel and her husband, Justin Timberlake, arrive May 9 at the LA premiere of “Candy.” JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

showrunner Robin Veith for “the idea to have Jason as well and have these two be partners in crime. It tickled us,” said Biel.

Biel wears a wig with short, curly brown hair in the series. She jokes that it’s a similar hairstyle to one her husband had in the late ’90s with his band ‘N Sync.

“He definitely had that hairstyle,” said Biel. “I always ask, ‘Please grow those beautiful curls back out. I love that curly hair.’ I know. It’s so weird. We were laughing about that.”

**‘Spinal Tap’ sequel in works:** A sequel to “This Is Spinal Tap” was announced Thursday, and four major characters are set to return.

Rob Reiner will return as the fictional and actual director, while Michael McKean, Christopher Guest and Harry Shearer will once again star as “one of England’s loudest bands,” Deadline reported.

However, their drummer has not been announced. Ric Parnell, who played the band’s drummer in the original film, recently died.

The follow-up to 1984’s beloved mockumentary is scheduled to premiere on March 19, 2024.

Reiner said the sequel will be based on a classic premise: The band is forced to get back together for one last show. “All these years and a lot of bad blood we’ll get into, and they’re thrown back together and forced to deal with each other and play this concert,” Reiner said.

**May 16 birthdays:** Actor Danny Trejo is 78. Actor Pierce Brosnan is 69. Actor Debra Winger is 67. Actor Mare Winningham is 63. Singer Janet Jackson is 56. Singer Ralph Tresvant is 54. TV host Tucker Carlson is 53. Actor Tracey Gold is 53. Actor Tori Spelling is 49. Actor Melanie Lynskey is 45. Actor Megan Fox is 36.



# ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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## Parents want to give daughter a little nudge

**Dear Amy:** My daughter is 34 years old, single, with no children. She’s intelligent and well-educated.

Six months ago, she quit her job in another state and moved into our house. We welcomed her, but it was supposed to be temporary.

She seemed reluctant to come here to begin with, saying that she didn’t want to intrude into our lives. However, since arriving, she hasn’t even been looking for a job.

She says that she doesn’t know what she wants to do or what her abilities are.

She’s been sitting around on her phone all day and every day. She gets depressed about her life, but she’s not doing anything to try to change or improve her life.

My husband doesn’t want to push her. I feel that the longer we give her a free ride, the worse her life is going to be.

What should we do?  
— *A Concerned Mother*

**Dear Concerned:** No able-bodied 34-year-old should quit a job without having another job or full-time educational opportunity lined up. Self-supporting people need to continue to support themselves, even during times when they’re not sure where they’re headed.

She needs to work! She needs the income to finance her life. She also needs to experience the satisfaction and tolerate the frustration and fatigue of putting in a day’s work. As of this writing, the unemployment rate is a low 3.6% and employers are eager for workers.

Your daughter is an adult, and her choices are

her responsibility. But misery does love a soft bed. She has successfully descended to the level of your low expectations.

Six months of R&R are enough. Give her two weeks to find a job — any job. Let her know that if she wants to continue living with you, she will have to work at least 20 hours a week while she pulls her more permanent plans together. Give her six months to save enough to rent her own place. This puts the total of her respite at one year, which is a generous amount of time for you to donate to her.

Does she need counseling? Help her to find it. Does she need job coaching? Help her to get some. She can do all of these things and work 20 hours a week — and she will feel much better about herself when she does.

**Dear Amy:** My wife and I are in our early 60s and have been married for 13 years.

Up until two or three years ago, our love life was pretty good, but has gradually tapered off until a little over a year ago my wife told me she has no sex drive — which ended our sex life.

She asked our family doctor, who told her it’s a normal part of aging, and there’s probably not much to be done.

She has said she would see if there are any alternatives but to date hasn’t acted on her intentions.

While her libido is zero, mine is still what I would deem healthy for a man my age. I don’t expect (nor want) daily sex, but once a week or so would be great. I miss the sex, but I miss

the intimacy just as much. I don’t feel like we’re close anymore.

I find your advice to be common sense and well-reasoned and almost always agree with your suggestions. Your advice is welcome.

— *Lacking in Love*

**Dear Lacking:** Your wife should definitely consult with an OB-GYN.

Loss of libido for women can be related to a number of physical factors, and there are treatments available to mitigate these age-related changes.

I hope you can understand, however, what a loss this is for your wife. Losing your desire can be profoundly sad; it can also make you forget what having desire felt like, making it challenging to pursue treatment.

While you work on this, find ways to be physically close — without having sex. If your wife doesn’t feel the pressure to have intercourse, being intimate with you should help to draw you two closer.

**Dear Amy:** I have to thank you for putting words to what I have felt in my own life, as the survivor of an abusive household.

“Adult survivors ... don’t know what ‘script’ to follow.” That’s me.

— *Grateful for Insight*

**Dear Grateful:** I hope you can write your own script — with a healthy and happy ending.

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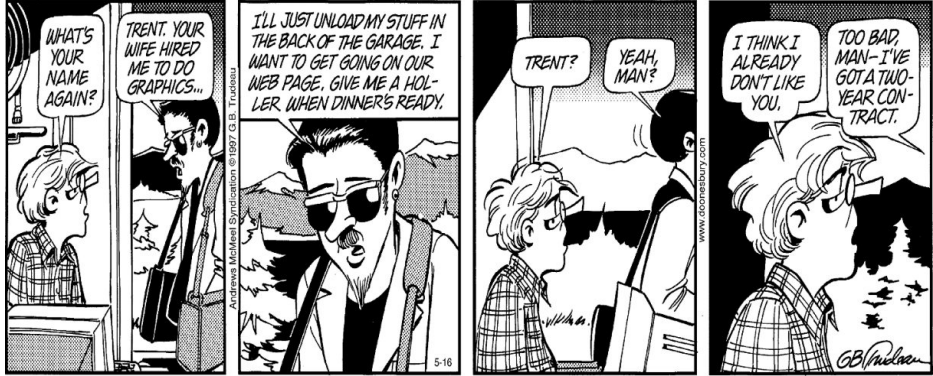




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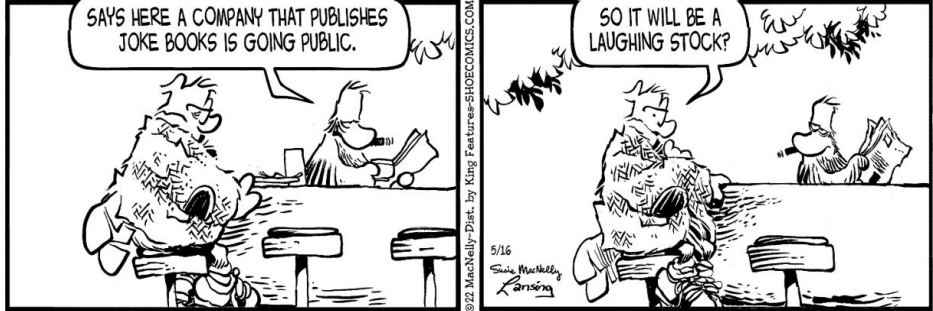
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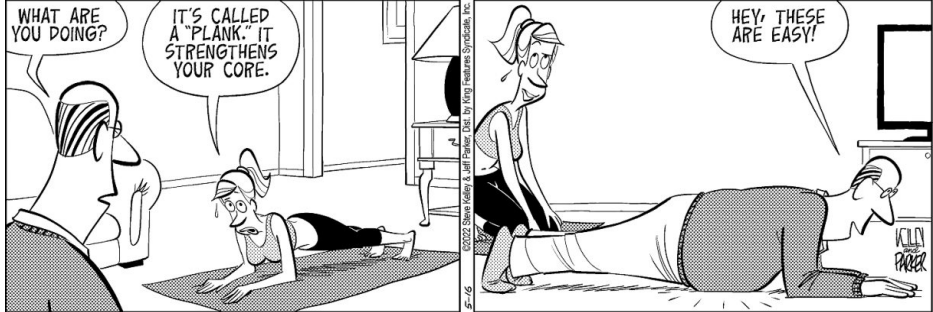
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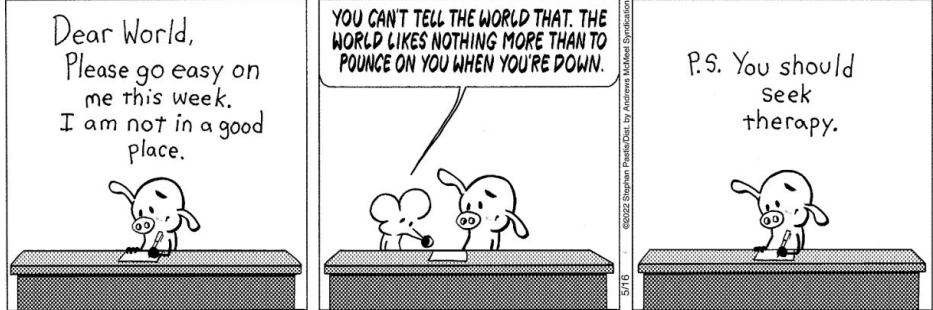
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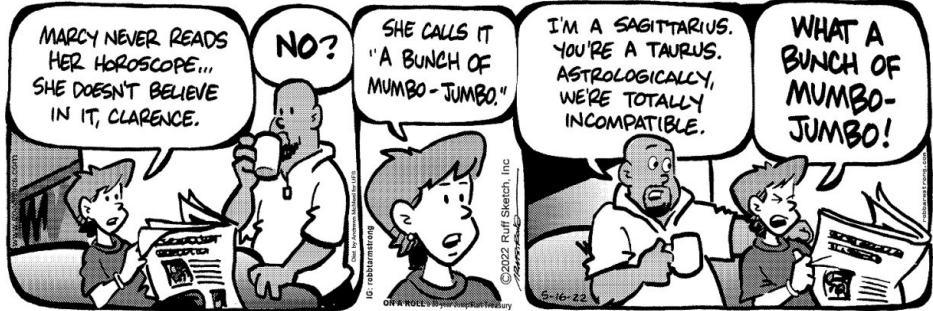
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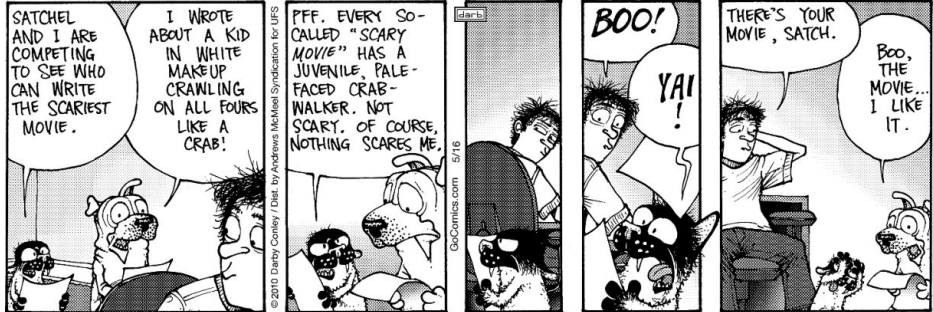
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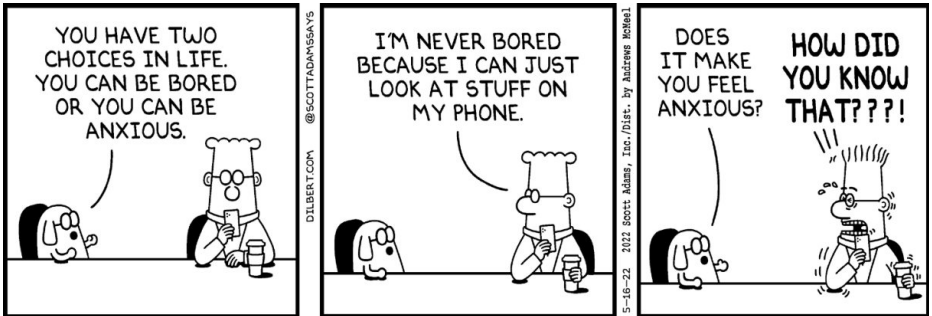
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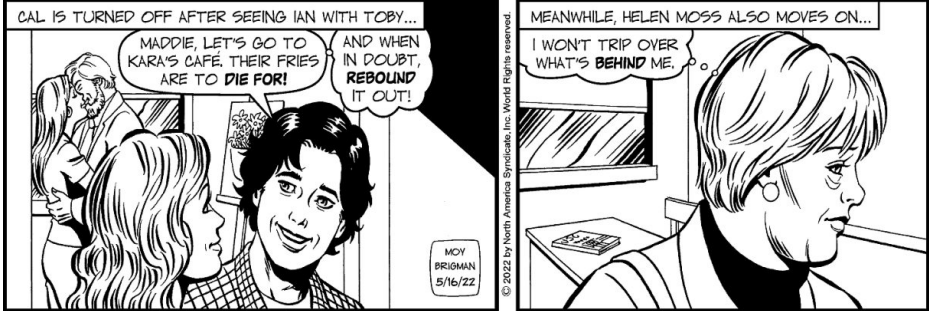
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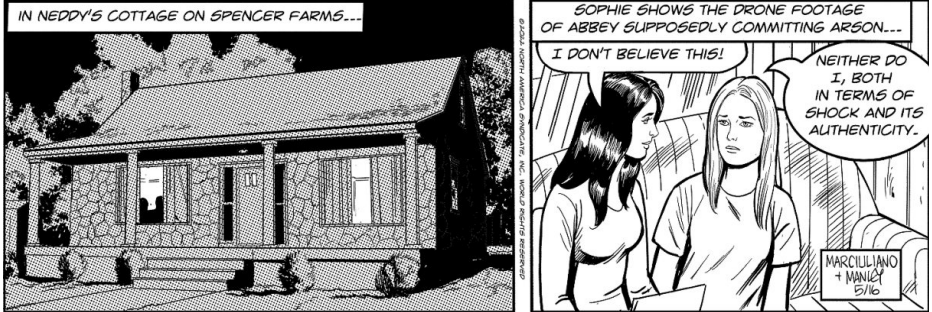
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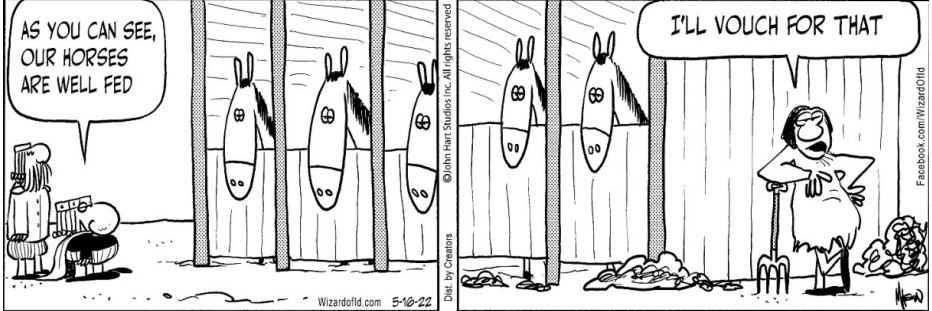
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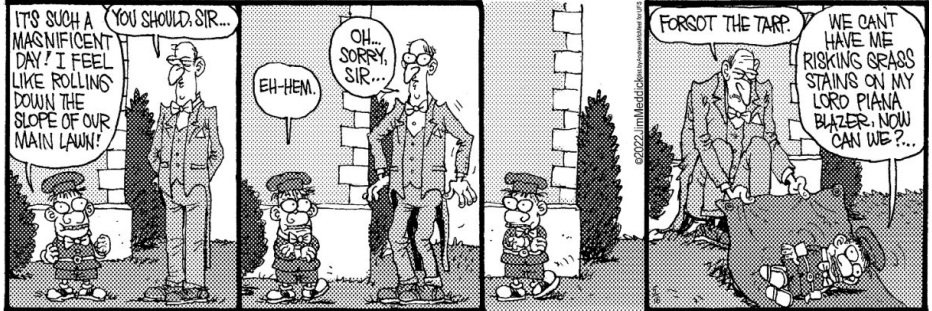
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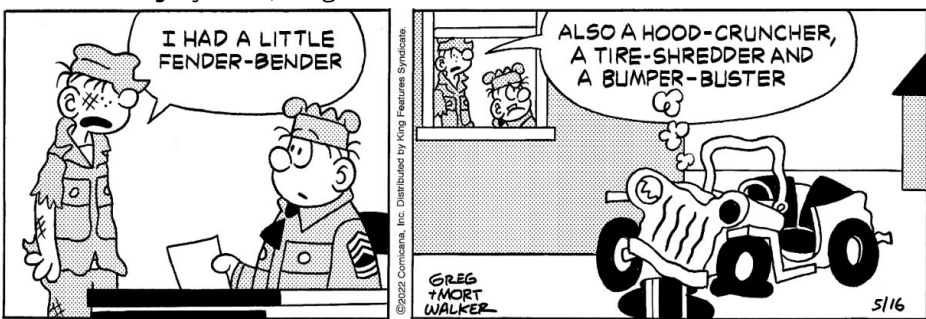
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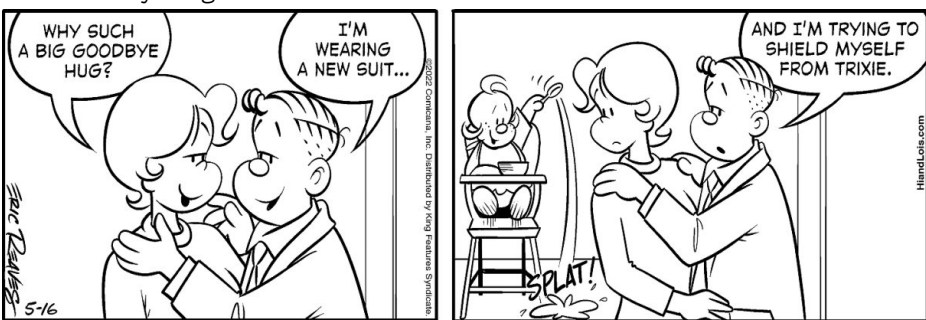
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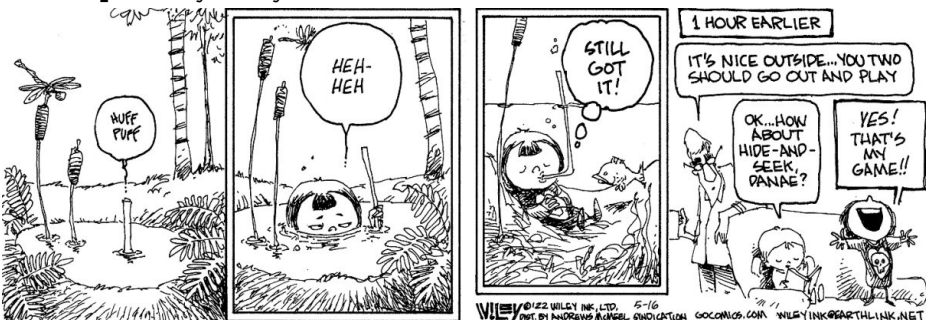
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UConn men's basketball

## After roster shakeup, UConn guard Jackson is ready to take charge

By Shreyas Laddha  
Hartford Courant

Andre Jackson knew it was time to step up.

In early April, the UConn men's basketball team experienced a major roster shakeup. Eight players from the 2021-22 roster were no longer on the team. Former guards Tyrese Martin and R.J. Cole turned pro, while forwards Isaiah Whaley and Tyler Polley exhausted their eligibility. Akok Akok, Jalen Gaffney, Rahsool Diggins, and Corey Floyd Jr. entered their names in the NCAA transfer portal.

At an April training session, Jack-

son looked at some of his remaining teammates — Adama Sanogo, Jordan Hawkins and Alex Karaban — and knew the group needed a leader.

"Somebody's got to step up to be that guy that's going to lead the team," he thought to himself. "I believe that's me."

The 6-foot-6 guard from Amsterdam, N.Y., is heading into his junior year, and he says he's ready to face the challenges that come with leadership.

"I've been in the system longer than everybody in the program

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With eight players from the 2021-22 roster no longer on the team, UConn guard Andre Jackson is looking forward to taking on a leadership role as a junior. **NICK WASS/AP**

CONNECTICUT SUN

## On Asjha Jones' night, Sun played her kind of game



**Dom Amore**

UNCASVILLE — Geno Auriemma coached it, Curt Miller watched it from far. If there is a game that defined Asjha Jones, it was the 2012 Olympics game against Australia, that time Liz Cambage

scored 19 in the first half, then Jones came off the bench to defend her for USA Basketball.

"Asjha was waiting at the free-throw line and Liz came across the 3-point line," Auriemma told the crowd assembled to honor Jones after the Connecticut Sun's 77-60 victory over the L.A. Sparks in their home opener Saturday night. "And Asjha went *bam*. ... [Cambage] didn't score again in the second half."

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CELTICS 109, BUCKS 81



The Celtics' Grant Williams celebrates as teammate Jayson Tatum hits a 3-pointer in the fourth quarter of Game 7 Sunday in Boston. The Celtics hit 22 3s in a rout of the Bucks. **ADAM GLANZMAN/GETTY**

# Celtics roll on to Game 7 win

## Williams scores 27, hitting 7 of team's 22 3-pointers

By Kyle Hightower  
Associated Press

BOSTON — In the fog of the Celtics' Game 5 loss to Milwaukee that dropped his team into a 3-2 series hole, Boston coach Ime Udoka made a prediction.

"It'll make it sweeter when we bounce back," he said.

Two wins later, the Celtics turned their coach's prophecy into reality.

Grant Williams scored a career-high 27 points, hitting seven

3-pointers, Jayson Tatum added 23 points and Boston set a Game 7 record with 22 3-pointers to eliminate the NBA champion Bucks 109-81 on Sunday in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The Celtics will face top-seeded Miami beginning Tuesday in a rematch of the 2020 East finals. The Heat beat the Celtics in six games in that series at Walt Disney World.

Tatum said his team embraced the "backs against the wall" moments it faced in having to win the final two games after their late collapse in their previous home game.

"As much as it hurt to lose Game 5, I was looking forward to that challenge," Tatum said. "I believe

in myself. I believe in this team. I expected to play the way I did and for us to respond the way we did."

The Celtics trailed early in Game 7 before outscoring the Bucks 61-38 in the second half to cruise to the victory. Boston used a whopping 54-point advantage from behind the arc to improve to 25-9 in decisive seventh games.

The Bucks are now 3-9 in Game 7s. They went 4 for 33 (12.1%) from the 3-point line. That's the second-worst 3-point percentage in a playoff game ever (minimum 30 attempts).

Williams was timid early, missing 5 of his first 7 3-point attempts. It was a pep talk he got from Jaylen Brown during a timeout after

Williams passed on an open shot that changed his mindset.

"For me it was like, 'They're encouraging it, I might as well take advantage,'" Williams said. "Each one as time got on got more comfortable."

Williams finished 7 for 18 behind the arc. The Celtics were 22 for 55.

It helped silence another relentless night from Bucks star Giannis Antetokounmpo, who had 25 points, 20 rebounds and nine assists. But he was just 3 of 11 in the paint in the second half, including 1 for 6 in the fourth quarter.

"Shots that I usually make wasn't going in. That's basketball. That's

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YANKEES 5, WHITE SOX 1

## Cortes pitches 8 crisp innings in Yankees win

By Jay Cohen  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — When Nestor Cortes was in high school, his father used to complain when he wandered off the mound while he was pitching.

"He was sick of me getting tired going into the sixth, so he said stop walking so much and maybe you'll get there," Cortes said.

Cortes got there, all right. And kept going, all the way to one of baseball's biggest surprises so far this year.

Staying on the mound and working quickly — just like his dad would have wanted — Cortes pitched a

career-high eight innings to lead the New York Yankees to a 5-1 victory over Michael Kopech and the Chicago White Sox on Sunday.

"That was another special outing," manager Aaron Boone said. "I mean, just in complete control."

New York managed just two hits: a second-inning single by Isiah Kiner-Falefa and a two-run homer by Joey Gallo in the ninth. But it was more than enough, thanks to the crafty Cortes (2-1).

The 27-year-old left-hander, who carried a no-hitter into the eighth in his previous outing against Texas, allowed three hits, struck out seven

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The Yankees' Nestor Cortes (2-1) allowed three hits, no walks and struck out seven in a career-high eight innings in Sunday's victory over the White Sox. **NAMY: HUH/AP**

RANGERS

## Confidence has never slipped with Shesterkin

By Andrew Gross  
Newsday

NEW YORK — The ups-and-downs of Igor Shesterkin were well-chronicled throughout the Rangers-Penguins first-round series.

Except, to the Rangers, there were no ups and there were no downs. There was only the same Hart and Vezina Trophy-finalist goalie who backstopped them all the way to Sunday night's Game 7 at Madison Square Garden through a 110-point regular season that gave them their first true NHL playoff berth since 2017, and then from the brink of a 3-1 series deficit against the Penguins. (Game 7 wasn't over in time for this edition. For the result and story, go to **courant.com/sports**.)

The same netminder who is expected to anchor the Rangers to multiple playoff appearances, not just a cameo this season.

"He's still the same Igor," fellow Russian Artemi Panarin said. "It's playoffs. People shoot the puck and try to tip these pucks, so it's hard to react sometimes. But he's in great shape, so we have full confidence in him, and he has full confidence in himself."

Shesterkin got the Rangers to their first Game 7 since 2015 — a 2-0 loss to the Lightning that kept the Rangers from back-to-back trips to the Stanley Cup Final — with a 31-save performance in Friday night's 5-3 win in Pittsburgh. That was preceded by a 29-save performance in Wednesday's 5-3 win in Game 5 at the Garden.

Both times, the Rangers rallied from 2-0 deficits. Both times, Shesterkin kept the Penguins from scoring in the third period, stopping a combined 23 shots. He turned aside all eight shots he faced in Friday's third period, rendering the derisive "I-Gor, I-Gor" chants moot after seemingly being rattled during the first two games in Pittsburgh.

"That's Igor," Chris Kreider said. "He's a competitor. He's done it all year for us. He's done it at every level he's played at. He battles, that's what he does. He's been our best player all year, and he continues to be our best player."

The Penguins' home fans targeted Shesterkin for their derision even before he was pulled from starts in Games 3 and 4 in Pittsburgh, allowing a combined 10 goals in his three periods.

Shesterkin may not resemble the goalie who led the NHL with both a 2.07 goals-against average and a .935 save percentage — he entered Game 7 with a 3.82 GAA and .906 save percentage in his playoff starts — but he's done exactly what Kreider described: battled.

And despite the outside perception, there haven't been ups and downs because Shesterkin hasn't allowed himself to ride that roller coaster.



SPORTS

UP NEXT

**Celtics:** Eastern Conference Finals: at Miami (Game 1), Tuesday, 8:30 p.m.; at Miami (Game 2), Thursday, 8:30 p.m.; vs. Miami (Game 3), Saturday, 8:30 p.m.

**Red Sox:** Astros, Monday, 7 p.m.; Astros, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Astros, Wednesday, 6 p.m.

**Yankees:** at Orioles, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Orioles, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Orioles, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**Mets:** Cardinals, Monday, 7 p.m.; Cardinals, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Cardinals, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**Yard Goats:** at Bowie, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; at Bowie, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; at Bowie, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

**Sun:** at Liberty, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Fever, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Fever, Sunday, 2 p.m.

**Hartford Athletic:** at Tulsa, Saturday, 8:30 p.m.; Phoenix, May 28, 7 p.m.; at El Paso, June 4, 9:30 p.m.

**TV/RADIO BASEBALL**  
**7 p.m.:** Yankees at Orioles. (Live) YES. Radio: 97.9  
**7 p.m.:** Astros at Red Sox. (Live) NESN. Radio: 1080  
**7 p.m.:** Cardinals at Mets. (Live) SNY. Radio: 880  
**SOCCER**  
**3 p.m.:** Premier League Newcastle United vs Arsenal. (Live) USA

Yankees

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and walked none in another brilliant performance. He has permitted two runs or fewer in each of his seven starts this year.

Since his first big league outing of last season, on May 30, 2021, Cortes has an AL-low 2.44 ERA over 133 innings. He has allowed three runs or fewer in 16 straight starts, matching Luis Severino in 2018 for the second-longest such streak in franchise history.

“As long as I can go out there and compete and give my team a chance, I’m happy and comfortable,” Cortes said.

Asked if he sees himself as one of the majors’ best pitchers, Cortes demurred.

“Not really. There’s a lot of good pitchers out there,” he said. “I just try and do my part.”

Clay Holmes finished the four-hitter for New York’s 18th win in 21 games. The major league-leading Yankees took three of four in the series.

Kopech (0-1) pitched six innings of one-hit ball for Chicago. The right-hander had five sharp innings — and one really bad one.

“I competed with what I had. But it wasn’t much today,” he said.

New York got to Kopech for three runs in the second after he retired the first two batters, making the most of four walks, a wild pitch and Kiner-Falefa’s single to left. Aaron Hicks and DJ LeMahieu each walked with the bases loaded, and Jose Trevino scored on the wild pitch.

Kopech threw 41 pitches in the second, 17 for strikes. He threw a total of 50 pitches in his other five innings, 33 for strikes.

“He just got out of whack. ... What he did to hang in there and pitch six innings was amazing,” White Sox manager Tony La Russa said.

Kopech’s shaky stretch provided more than enough run support for Cortes, who retired 15 in a row after Luis Robert extended his hitting streak to 13 games with a first-inning single.

Adam Engel homered for Chicago with one out in the eighth, but Cortes retired the next two batters. Pinch hitter Yasmani Grandal flied out to the warning track in right for the second out.

Trainer’s room

**Yankees:** Boone said the team should know more about C Ben Rortvedt’s situation at some point this week. Rortvedt was working his way back from a right oblique injury when a knee issue popped up. “It’s something he’s dealt with in the past,” Boone said. “So we’ll see. It could be some kind of surgical procedure that he may have to get.” ... RHP Domingo Germán (right shoulder impingement) is scheduled to start throwing live BPs this week. Boone said Germán will be built up as a starter. ... OF Tim Lincecum (left lat strain) is progressing pretty well in his rehab, Boone said.

**White Sox:** La Russa said RHP Lucas Giolito (COVID-19 IL) is feeling better, but he isn’t sure when he will return to the rotation.

UCONN MEN’S BASKETBALL

Brown leaves for coaching position at Iona

By Shreyas Laddha

Taliek Brown, UConn men’s basketball director of player development, is leaving the Huskies for a coaching position at Iona College.

Brown will join the staff of coach Rick Pitino as an assistant. At UConn, he worked closely

with student athletes teaching them skills for on the court and in life.

The native of Corona, N.Y., gets the chance to get back closer to his home.

“It was a great opportunity for my career,” Brown told The Courant. “I get to go back home and work for a legendary coach.

It was a great situation.”

UConn coach Dan Hurley and his staff told Brown it was great move for his career.

As a player, Brown had an impressive career at UConn. He was the captain of the Huskies’ 2004 NCAA championship team. He is the only player in UConn history to finish with 1,000+

points and at least 700 assists. He is the Huskies’ career leader in assists with 722.

Brown didn’t rule out coming back to Storrs in a coaching capacity.

“UConn will always be home,” he said.

He played 10 years of professional basketball, mostly overseas.

RANGERS 7, RED SOX 1

García, Calhoun each hit 2 homers in Rangers win

By Lary Bump

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Adolis García and Kole Calhoun each hit two home runs, and Martin Pérez pitched six strong innings as the Texas Rangers beat the Boston Red Sox 7-1 on Sunday.

Texas trailed 1-0 and didn’t have a hit until Calhoun led off the bottom of the fifth with an opposite-field homer into the visitors’ bullpen in left-center.

García broke the 1-1 tie with two out and two men on base in the sixth. He hit an 0-and-1 pitch from Boston’s Ryan Brasier (0-2), took 10 steps down the first base line while watching the ball disappear into the right-center field bullpen, dropped his bat, pointed toward the Texas dugout and broke into a trot.

“He was pointing at Martin Pérez,” García said through an interpreter. “He had told him prior to that at-bat that he was going to win this game for him.”

Pérez confirmed García had made that pledge.

“He crushed that pitch,” Red Sox manager Alex Cora said, second-guessing himself about



Red Sox pitching coach Dave Bush walks to the mound to check on relief pitcher Ryan Brasier after Brasier gave up two home runs to the Rangers in the sixth inning Sunday in Arlington, Texas. **LM OTERO/AP**

pitching to García. “Maybe it should be me going to the mound. We had the lefty ready for Calhoun. A swing and miss, a walk, two outs. Take the next matchup and see what happens.”

Two pitches later, Calhoun sent another homer the other way against Brasier.

In Calhoun’s first season with Texas, he had only one home run

before Sunday.

García added a two-run homer in the eighth to tie his career high with five RBIs.

The home runs were the first for Texas in the three-game series. The Red Sox won the first two against the Rangers but haven’t won more than two in a row this season.

Pérez (2-2) allowed five hits and

MARINERS 8, METS 7

Alonso strikes out with bases loaded in 9th

By Ronald Blum

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rookie Julio Rodríguez hit a tying homer as part of a four-hit game, Cal Raleigh added a go-ahead, two-run drive and reliever Diego Castillo struck out Mets star Pete Alonso with the bases loaded in the ninth to lift the Seattle Mariners over New York 8-7 on Sunday.

New York trailed 4-1, then burst ahead in the fourth against Cy Young Award winner Robbie Ray when J.D. Davis and Brandon Nimmo became the first pair of Mets in the team’s 61-season history to hit two-run triples in the same inning.

The homers from Rodríguez and Raleigh helped Seattle climb back ahead, but the Mets rallied again in the ninth.

Eduardo Escobar hit the Mets’ third triple with one out, Jeff McNeil had an RBI single and Nimmo a run-scoring double. With runners on second and third, Castillo relieved and struck out Starling Marte.

Manager Scott Servais then intentionally walked Francisco Lindor, setting up a bases-loaded showdown with Pete Alonso. Castillo threw six straight sliders, and Alonso failed to check his swing on a 3-and-2 pitch. Castillo got his second save, and the Mets took their first series loss this season.

Ray (4-3), grunting loudly on every pitch, retired his final seven batters after Nimmo’s triple. Ray, Sergio Romo, former Met Paul Sewald and Drew Steckenrider combined to retire 14 straight batters before the ninth.



Mets DH Pete Alonso reacts after being called out on strikes with the bases loaded in the ninth inning Sunday against the Mariners. **NOAH K. MURRAY/AP**

A day after giving up a tying, three-run homer to Jesse Winker in the seventh inning of a game the Mets came back to win 5-4, Chasen Shreve opened the sixth by allowing Rodríguez’s second big league homer, a 423-foot, no-doubt drive to left.

Abraham Toro singled with one out and Drew Smith (0-2) relieved. Raleigh, in a 2-for-33 slide, hit a 435-foot drive to right-center for his fourth big league homer and a 7-5 lead. Rodríguez added an RBI single in the seventh against Joely Rodríguez.

Seattle arrived in a 3-12 skid but took two of three from the National League-best Mets, who had been 9-0-1 in their previous series this season. The Mariners won their first road series after losing four along with a split.

Mike Ford had a two-run single in a three-run fourth for his first Mariners hit. Seattle matched a season high with 16 hits, including at least one by each starter.

Lindor homered into the left field second deck, giving him first-inning RBIs in all three games

of the series.

Trainer’s room

**Mets:** RHP Tylor Megill (inflamed right biceps) was placed on the 15-day IL four days after he allowed eight runs over 1 ½ innings in a loss at Washington. RHP Colin Holderman’s contract was selected from Triple-A Syracuse and RHP was Trevor May was transferred to the 60-day IL. Holderman pitched a scoreless ninth in his major league debut.

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sports,” Antetokounmpo said. “Sometimes you win. Sometimes you lose. There’s a winner. There’s a loser. You’ve just got to live with it.”

Jrue Holiday added 21 points and eight assists for Milwaukee, while Brook Lopez finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Boston started the second half on an 11-4 run to open a 59-47 lead.

It was 63-53 when Tatum went to the bench after being whistled for his fourth foul. But the Celtics rallied without him, outscoring the Bucks 16-11 the rest of the quarter to take a 79-64 lead to the fourth.

Udoka said he’s mostly been able to maintain tunnel vision throughout his first season as a head coach, but said he allowed himself to take in the roar of the TD Garden crowd in the closing seconds.

He said being able to have Game

7 at home mattered. The Celtics won on the final day of the regular season to earn it for this matchup when the Bucks rested their regulars and were blown out 133-115 by Cleveland.

“This is what we played for, why we played the season out, to have home-court advantage in a Game 7,” Udoka said. “If you believe in the basketball gods, those things matter.”

Brown said their coach has been the catalyst to put them in this position.

“We didn’t want it to be over,” he said. “We didn’t overcome all the stuff we did during the regular season for that to be it. ... At the end of the day, we wanted to come out, leave it all out there. I think we did.”

Celtics center Robert Williams III was available to play after missing three straight games with soreness and a bone bruise in his surgically repaired left knee. But he didn’t play.



Celtics forward Jayson Tatum, who had 23 points, drives to the basket past Bucks guard Pat Connaughton, left, and forward Giannis Antetokounmpo on Sunday. **STEVEN SENNE/AP**



BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	25	9	.735	—	—	7-3	W-1	14-4	11-5
Tampa Bay	21	14	.600	4 ½	—	6-4	W-1	11-8	10-6
Toronto	18	17	.514	7 ½	—	3-7	L-1	10-6	8-11
Baltimore	14	21	.400	11 ½	4	5-5	L-3	9-7	5-14
Boston	13	21	.382	12	4 ½	3-7	L-1	4-9	9-12

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	20	15	.571	—	—	5-5	W-1	13-8	7-7
Chicago	16	17	.485	3	1	6-4	L-1	9-10	7-7
Cleveland	16	17	.485	3	1	6-4	L-1	7-5	9-12
Kansas City	12	20	.375	6 ½	4 ½	4-6	W-1	6-9	6-11
Detroit	12	23	.343	8	6	4-6	W-3	9-13	3-10

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	23	12	.657	—	—	9-1	W-1	9-4	14-8
Los Angeles	24	13	.649	—	—	7-3	W-2	12-7	12-6
Seattle	16	19	.457	7	2	4-6	W-1	9-7	7-12
Texas	14	19	.424	8	3	5-5	W-1	7-12	7-7
Oakland	15	22	.405	9	4	5-5	L-2	5-12	10-10

BOX SCORES

DETROIT 5, BALTIMORE 1

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Mullins cf	4	0	0	0	4	.261
Urias 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.216
Mancini 1b	3	1	1	1	1	.289
Santander rf	4	0	0	0	3	.224
Mateo ss	1	0	0	0	1	.241
a-Owings ph-ss	3	0	0	0	1	.135
Nevin 3b	4	0	1	0	2	.171
McKenna lf	3	0	1	0	1	.240
Chirinos c	3	0	0	0	1	.134
Bannon dh	3	0	0	0	2	.167
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	
Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Grossman lf-rf	4	0	1	0	2	.210
Baez ss	4	1	1	0	0	.216
Meadows lf	1	0	0	0	0	.267
W.Castro rf	2	0	1	0	0	.340
Cabrera dh	3	2	2	2	2	.297
Schoop 2b	3	0	1	0	1	.159
Reyes cf	1	0	1	0	0	.292
1-Hill pr-cf	2	1	0	0	0	.222
H.Castro 3b	4	1	3	2	0	.310
Torkelson 1b	3	0	0	0	0	.153
Barnhart c	4	0	2	1	1	.284
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>		

Baltimore	000	000	001	—	1	4	0
Detroit	021	000	01x	—	5	12	0

a-struck out for Mateo in the 4th. 1-ran for Reyes in the 2nd. **LOB:** Baltimore 5, Detroit 7. **2B:** Reyes (2), Baez (6). **3B:** H.Castro (1). **HR:** Mancini (3), off Garcia; Cabrera (3), off Wells. **RBIs:** Mancini (13), Cabrera 2(14), H.Castro 2 (5), Barnhart (4). **SB:** Hill (1). **CS:** W.Castro (2). **SF:** Cabrera. **S:** Hill. **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 2 (Owings 2); Detroit 4 (Torkelson, W.Castro, Barnhart 2). **RISP:** Baltimore 0for 4; Detroit 4for 13. **Runners moved up:** H.Castro, Baez. **GIDP:** Baez. **DP:** Baltimore 2 (Owings, Urias, Mancini; Owings, Urias, Mancini).

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wells, L, 1-3	4	8	3	3	0	2	4.18
Krehbiel	2	0	0	0	0	1	3.00
Allen	½	2	1	1	1	1	5.87
Baker	1½	2	1	1	1	1	4.50

DETROIT

DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Skubal, W, 3-2	6	3	0	0	2	11	2.50
Barnes, H, 2	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.08
Garcia	2	1	1	1	0	3	2.38

**Inherited runners-scored:** Krehbiel 2-0, Baker 2-0. **HBP:** Baker (Castro). **PB:** Barnhart (1). **Umpires:** Home, Ryan Willis; First, Mark Wegner; Second, Quinn Wolcott; Third, Jeremie Rehak. **T:** 3:00. **A:** 20,080(41,083).

TEXAS 7, BOSTON 1

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hernandez cf	5	1	1	0	0	.169
Devers 3b	4	0	3	1	0	.324
Martinez dh	4	0	1	0	1	.314
Bogaerts ss	3	0	1	0	1	.344
Story 2b	3	0	0	0	2	.196
Arroyo rf	3	0	0	0	1	.200
a-Cordero ph-rf1	0	0	0	0	1	.233
Verdugo lf	4	0	0	0	0	.212
Dalbec 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.165
Plawecki c	3	0	0	0	1	.139
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	
Texas	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
White lf	3	0	0	0	1	.237
Semien 2b	4	1	1	0	0	.157
Seager ss	3	2	1	0	0	.234
Heim c	4	0	0	0	2	.279
Garcia cf	4	2	2	5	1	.205
Calhoun rf	4	2	2	2	0	.220
Lowie 1b	2	0	0	0	1	.241
Ibanez 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.198
Miller dh	3	0	0	0	0	.215
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	

Boston	000	010	000	—	1	7	0
Texas	000	014	02x	—	7	6	0

a-struck out for Arroyo in the 8th. **LOB:** Boston 9, Texas 2. **2B:** Devers 2(13), Dalbec (3), Semien (7). **HR:** Calhoun (2), off Houck; Garcia (5), off Brasier; Calhoun (3), off Brasier; Garcia (6), off Danish. **RBIs:** Devers (19), Calhoun 2(9), Garcia 5(23). **SB:** Story (3), Bogaerts (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 7(Bogaerts 2, Cordero 2, Hernandez, Martinez, Story); Texas 1 (Semien). **RISP:** Boston 1for 9; Texas 1for 4. **Runners moved up:** Martinez, Ibanez, Miller.

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Davis	2	0	0	0	1	2	2.3
Houck	3	1	1	1	1	0	5.4
Brasier, L, 0-2	1	3	4	4	1	3	6.5
Danish	2	2	2	2	0	1	3.7

TEXAS

TEXAS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Perez, W, 2-2	6	5	1	1	2	7	2.01
King	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.00
Bush	1	1	0	0	1	2	3.38
Barlow	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.46

**Inherited runners-scored:** Houck 1-0. **Umpires:** Home, Brian Knight; First, Doug Eddings; Second, Junior Valenteine; Third, Bill Miller. **T:** 2:57. **A:** 27,607 (40,300).

N.Y. YANKEES 5, CHI. WHITE SOX 1

New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.274
Judge rf	4	0	0	0	1	.296
Rizzo 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.225
Stanton dh	4	0	0	0	0	.290
Donaldson 3b	3	1	0	0	1	.227
Gallo lf	3	2	1	2	1	.202
Kiner-Falefa ss	4	1	1	0	0	.277
Trevino c	2	1	0	0	0	.170
Hicks cf	2	0	0	1	0	.212
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	
Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Anderson ss	4	0	1	0	1	.336
Vaughn 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.262
Robert cf	4	0	2	0	1	.304
Abreu dh	4	0	0	0	2	.197
Pollock lf	3	0	0	0	1	.192
Garcia 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.198
Engel rf	3	1	1	1	0	.229
McGuire c	2	0	0	0	1	.140
a-Grandal ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	.165
Harrison 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.149
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	

New York	030	000	002	—	5	2	0
Chicago	000	000	010	—	1	4	0

a-flied out for McGuire in the 8th. **LOB:** New York 2, Chicago 3. **HR:** Gallo (5), off Ruiz; Engel (1), off Cortes Jr.. **RBIs:** Hicks (7), LeMahieu (11), Gallo 2(7), Engel (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 2(Judge 2); Chicago 0. **RISP:** New York 0for 1; Chicago 0for 0.

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cortes Jr., W, 2-1	8	3	1	1	0	7	1.35
Holmes	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.49

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kopech, L, 0-1	6	1	3	3	4	3	1.54
Burr	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.14
Lopez	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.29
Ruiz	1	1	2	2	1	0	3.46

**WP:** Kopech. **Umpires:** Home, Adam Beck; First, Chris Guccione; Second, Ryan Addison; Third, Jordan Baker. **T:** 2:32. **A:** 29,500(40,615).

CHICAGO CUBS 3, ARIZONA 2

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Ortega cf	3	1	1	1	0	.229
a-Gomes ph	1	0	0	0	1	.222
Heyward cf	1	0	0	0	0	.208
Contreras c	3	0	0	0	0	.277
Happ lf	4	0	0	0	1	.260
Suzuki rf	3	0	1	0	2	.257
Rivas 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.239
Wisdom 3b	4	2	2	1	2	.224
Schwindel dh	4	0	2	1	1	.218
Villar 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.232
Vargas ss	4	0	1	0	1	.167
Simmons ss	0	0	0	0	0	---
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	
Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hummel lf	4	0	1	0	2	.184
Luplow rf	3	1	0	0	2	.195
Marte 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.210
Walker 1b	4	1	2	0	0	.203
1-Perdomo pr	0	0	0	0	0	.221
P.Smith dh	4	0	1	0	3	.232
Varsho c	4	0	1	1	2	.254
Ahmed ss	3	0	1	0	1	.231
b-Peralta ph	1	0	0	0	0	.204
Rojas 3b	2	0	0	0	1	.231
Thomas cf	3	0	0	0	0	.368
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	

Chicago	110	000	001	—	3	8	1
Arizona	000	200	000	—	2	6	1

a-struck out for Ortega in the 7th. b-grounded out for Ahmed in the 9th. 1-ran for Walker in the 9th. **E:** Vargas (1), Ahmed (1). **LOB:** Chicago 7, Arizona 5. **2B:** Suzuki (8), Villar (3), Wisdom (8). **3B:** Hummel (2). **HR:** Ortega (1), off Castellanos; Wisdom (6), off Castellanos. **RBIs:** Ortega (4), Wisdom (17), Schwindel (12), Varsho (16). **CS:** Ahmed (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 5(Schwindel, Rivas, Heyward, Contreras, Happ); Arizona 3(Thomas 2, Walker). **RISP:** Chicago 1for 11; Arizona 1for 9. **Runners moved up:** Rivas, Villar. **GIDP:** Ortega, Peralta. **DP:** Chicago 1 (Villar, Simmons, Rivas); Arizona 1 (Walker, Ahmed).

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Steele	6	3	2	1	2	10	4.50
Martin	1	1	0	0	0	3	0.09
Efrross, W, 1-1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.20
Wick, S, 4-4	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.32

ARIZONA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Castellanos	5½	5	2	2	1	5	4.15
Middleton	½	0	0	0	0	1	4.91
Nelson	½	1	0	0	0	1	1.29
Ramirez	½	0	0	0	0	4	3.20
Mantiply	1	0	0	0	2	0	0.66
Kennedy, L, 2-2	½	2	1	1	0	1	3.45
C.Smith	½	0	0	0	0	0	9.31

**Inherited runners-scored:** Wick 1-0, Middleton 1-0, Ramirez 1-0, C.Smith 1-0. **HBP:** Castellanos (Contreras). **Umpires:** Home, Lance Barksdale; First, Nic Lentz; Second, Nestor Ceja; Third, Ted Barrett. **T:** 3:05. **A:** 23,309(48,686).

TAMPA BAY 3, TORONTO 0

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Springer dh	4	0	0	0	1	.269
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.280
Hernandez rf	4	0	0	0	1	.213
Bichette ss	4	0	0	0	2	.234
Espinal 2b	3	0	1	0	1	.282
Chapman 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.182
Gurriel Jr. lf	3	0	1	0	1	.230
Kirk c	3	0	1	0	0	.255
Tapia cf	2	0	1	0	0	.231
a-Jansen ph	1	0	0	0	0	.500
Zimmer cf	0	0	0	0	0	.075
TOTALS	30	0	5	0	6	
Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Lowe dh	4	1	1	0	1	.212
Francisco ss	4	1	1	0	1	.285
Ramirez rf	3	1	0	1	0	.286
Kiermaier cf	1	0	1	0	0	.161
Choi 1b	4	0	1	1	0	.282
Arozarena lf	4	0	1	0	1	.227
Mejia c	3	0	0	0	0	.300
Brujan 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.118
Phillips cf-rr	2	0	0	0	0	.145
Walls 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.181
TOTALS	31	3	6	2	8	



REGIONAL DIGEST

UConn wins Big East regular season baseball title

Staff report

No. 13 UConn (42-10, 16-2) wrapped up its second-straight Big East regular season baseball title Sunday with a 17-6 win against Xavier on Senior Day at Elliot Ballpark in Storrs. In front of 1,308 fans, the Huskies scored five runs in the first and six in the third to take an 11-2 lead. All five runs in the first came with two outs with RBI singles from Ben Huber and Bryan Padilla and a three-run homer off the bat of Korey Morton.

Matt Donlan started the surge

in the third with a solo homer to right field, his ninth of the year, to make it 6-2. David Smith registered his fourth-straight multi-hit game with an RBI single in the third and a homer in the fifth. Erik Stock hit a bases-clearing double in the sixth to make it 15-6. Seven Huskies recorded multi-hit efforts on the afternoon.

UConn finished 18-4 at Elliot Ballpark, its second most wins at home in a season. The Huskies won 19 in 2010.

Next up, the Huskies travel to Bryant for the final midweek game of the season at 3 p.m. at

Conaty Park.

**Three homers carry Yard Goats past Sea Dogs:** The Hartford Yard Goats took a seven-run lead thanks to home runs by Brenton Doyle, Kyle Datres and Aaron Schunk and held on to beat the Portland Sea Dogs 7-6 in front of a third straight sellout crowd at Dunkin' Donuts Park in Hartford. Doyle reached base four times, and Yard Goats starter Nick Bush pitched five scoreless innings. Hartford won four of six against Portland, winning its third consecutive series. The Yard Goats finished

their homestand 8-4 and have won 10 of their last 14 games.

In the second inning, Schunk lined a two-run double in the left-center gap to put the Yard Goats ahead, 2-0. Doyle made it 3-0 in the fourth with his fourth home run of the season. The Yard Goats scored three more in the sixth. Datres put Hartford up 4-0 on his second homer of the season. Doyle then reached base for a third straight time on a single, then stole second. Schunk followed up with a moonshot to left field for 6-0 lead. The home run was Schunk's fourth of the

season, and he finished the game with four RBIs.

Yard Goats starter Nick Bush was dominant against the Sea Dogs for the second time this series, allowing three hits and retiring the last six batters he faced. In the ninth, David Hamilton hit a three-run double for the Sea Dogs. RBI singles by Nick Sogard and Pedro Castellanos cut the Yard Goats lead to 7-6 before PJ Poulin struck out Kole Cottam to seal the win.

The Yard Goats begin a six-game series against the Baysox in Bowie, Md., Tuesday at 6 p.m.

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Jones was the one UConn player Auriemma went to the mat to get on that Olympic team, and she was a difference-maker, as she would be as a pro, with her sheer toughness.

"I always appreciated the chip on her shoulder," Miller said. "As big and as tough as she is, she was regarded as undersized. She guarded Liz Cambage better than even some of the true, dominant big centers for years. And she was on that team for that matchup."

That was Jones in a nutshell, not as flashy as some of her UConn teammates on some of the best teams Auriemma, or anyone else ever assembled, Sue Bird, Diana Taurasi, Tamika Williams, Swin Cash, but she came from New Jersey to work, and she came to make her presence felt.

The Sun added Jones' No. 15 to its banner in the rafters, signifying the franchise's legends, and they honored her, too, by playing her kind of game. Cambage, 31, is still around, with the Sparks, still dominating, and here she was held to 10 points and four rebounds, most of that defensive handiwork from Brionna Jones, one of the best defenders in the league.

"I've watched Liz play for years. She's just a force," Jones said. "And they did a good job on her, players who actually battled with her. That's what you need, right? Somebody to sneak in there and muck it up. I was proud of them tonight. It's fun to watch when people play physical, and a lot of times that gets lost in the game today. Frequent movement and all that stuff, scoring points."

Jones' physical style didn't fit Washington, her first pro team,



Asjha Jones gets one of her 1,447 rebounds with the Connecticut Sun, who retired her number in a ceremony Saturday night to kick off the team's 20th season. CLOE POISSON/COURANT FILE PHOTO

and she was traded to the Sun to play for Mike Thibault in 2004, for the franchise's second season after being in relocated from Orlando, Fla. Both Jones, 41, now an executive with the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers, and the Sun, who are celebrating Year 20, have proved their staying power. They grew up together, in a way.

"When I first started, we were so new, a lot of the fans were coming in UConn gear," Jones said. "And I would pass them and

say, 'OK, that's great, but now your season's over. Buy some new gear. You can be UConn fans and Sun fans. The seasons actually allow for that.' I mean, fans in Connecticut are amazing."

Saturday night was a time to recognize Jones' nine years with the franchise. She's second in Sun history in games (271), points, (3,336) and rebounds (1,447). When she returned to UConn last December for a celebration of the university's Olympians, Sun pres-

ident Jen Rizzotti told Jones her number would soon be retired. It was time.

"It's players that started here, that came before our current group that deserve a lot of credit for building our fan base, building the excitement for a pro team in the state of Connecticut," Miller said. "Asjha, as a UConn player on top of that, is a beloved star of this franchise. You just have to take a glance at her career rankings in major categories and you realize

the impact she had on some of those great Mike Thibault teams that were knocking on the door."

The Sun reached the WNBA Finals twice during Jones' time. The championship has continued to be elusive for the franchise, but Jones won hers with Minnesota in 2015, becoming one of 11 women to win an Olympic gold medal, an NCAA championship, a FIBA World Cup gold medal and a WNBA championship.

She did by showing up for work ready to muck it up. "She never missed a day of practice," Auriemma said. "If you asked her where the trainer's room was, she'd say she has no idea."

Last April, after several years coaching in the WNBA, Jones took a front office job in Portland, as director of basketball strategy and planning. Part of her growth, after Thibault encouraged her to start coaching, is an openness to new ideas, to getting out of her comfort zone.

"It was really comfortable for me to say no to things," Jones said. "I told myself, 'I can't do that anymore.' Once they laid out the description, I said, 'That's me. That's who I am. That's what I've been looking for.' It has morphed into more than I expected. The person I wanted to learn from (Joe Cronin) is now our GM, so I'm learning from him. I'm in meetings. My wife [Jennifer Nolan-Jones] and I joke about it, 'I've got to go exec-uate,' I just made that word up. I count my blessings, because I could not have predicted this for my future."

Maybe she doesn't start her days off with a *bam* anymore, but it's a solid bet Jones makes her presence felt.

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UConn

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other than Adama," Jackson said. "I have to kind of step into that role and lead guys. I have to make sure all the young guys coming in know what they are doing. Being a leader is one of the hardest things to do. It's trying to help other people so that you as a collective group can be better."

UConn doesn't name captains, but Jackson has longed to be a prominent voice for the team since he arrived at Storrs. Still, he knew he had to pay his dues first.

In the 2021-22 season, he averaged 6.8 points, 6.8 rebounds and 3.1 assists while shooting a career-high 36.1% from 3. His play and demeanor earned him respect from his older teammates.

"Andre wouldn't have been scared to be a leader on that team as a freshman when I was there," Martin said. "He's just so confident in his own voice and body. He speaks his mind, but he's so respectful of older players or people around him."

"He will hear out what they have to say and take it under consideration. That kid is going to be great just with his approach of wanting to be a leader so young. Now that he is finally in that role, I think he's going to excel in it."

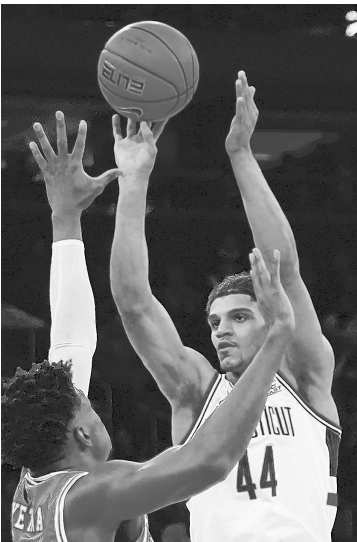
As Jackson takes on a leadership role, he hopes to make his mark at UConn by winning both a Big East championship and national championship.

"UConn is a place where they win championships," he said. "I want to be a part of that legacy. I want to be a part of that history. In order to be part of that, you have to win. My only goal coming here was to win."

Makings of a leader

Jackson has had the makings of a leader since childhood.

He grew up with two younger siblings who are twins, Mianna and Marcus. They are only one



UConn's Andre Jackson has worked hard on his shooting, hitting 36.1% from 3 last season. FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

year younger than him, but Andre always taught them different life lessons. These lessons included never quitting activities to handling life's difficulties.

Not only is Jackson loyal to his family, but to his basketball teams as well. He had played on the same AAU team since he was 10. In high school, he had numerous offers to leave Albany Academy but turned them all down.

So, it's no wonder Jackson felt strongly about players leaving UConn in an April media availability.

"A lot of guys left and I respect their decision of leaving, but I feel like the strongest people survive, in a sense," he said. "It's always good to know that everybody that is here wants to be here."

When Albany Academy basketball coach Brian Fruscio heard the comments, he wasn't surprised.

"We have some different things we do, but one of them is choosing teammates you would want in the foxhole with you," Fruscio said. "Andre always drew high on that because he's a stay and fight guy. No man left behind when he's part of that."

Jackson fit in seamlessly on the team as a freshman. He made sure to get everybody involved with his passing. He also paid his dues and respected the older players on the team.

As Jackson grew older, he became more comfortable in his own skin. He became a vocal leader on the team. Jackson was constantly putting in extra hours in the weight room and on the practice court. He demanded excellence out of his teammates.

"People would feel his vision, and people would feel his intensity," Fruscio said. "If people understand Andre, they knew it was never personal. He wants people to give as much as he gives and is willing to give it."

Fruscio says there were two versions of Jackson. First, there is Andre, the quiet, well-mannered kid with good grades. Then, on the court, there is 'Dre. 'Dre is a high-energy, loud and passionate player willing to do whatever it takes to win.

"For 22 hours a day, he's pretty cool, pretty reserved and down to earth," Fruscio said. "In the two hours he's competing, he will go in the phone booth like Superman and come out a different personality."

Always working to better himself

Jackson is constantly trying to improve as a player and leader by listening to podcasts and watching movies about leaders he admires. He alternates between watching the documentary 'Kobe Bryant's Muse' and clips of Tom Brady on YouTube to learn more about leadership.

"In order to be a great, I have to learn from the greats," he said.

Jackson excels at building camaraderie with his teammates. He's a vocal leader, but he knows he must find the right balance.

"I get on guys a lot," he said. "I am pretty vocal and honest. It's just about knowing when or how

to address the guys, whether to address them aggressively or help pick them up.

"As a leader or player, you have to know where your guys are emotionally. If a guy is already down in the dumps, you can't bring him down more. It's about knowing your teammates and when guys need a tug to pull them forward and when you've got to push a guy to get something out of him."

On the court, Jackson is working hard to improve his offensive skills. His biggest focus is improving his ability to attack the rim and hit his jump shot.

Jackson dramatically improved his shooting from 3 from 12.5% as a freshman to 36.1% last season, but he hopes to shoot more and lower his hesitancy to take shots. He's since tightened up his shot mechanics to help with that.

On the defensive end, he knows he will have to take on a heightened role with the loss of Whaley and Martin. He knows expectations for him have risen.

"I think this year is going to be a lot of pressure on me defensively as a leader," he said. "There's a lot of pressure in my offensive game as well. It's not something I am shying away from. It's something I am super excited for. I am excited to see my progression over the next couple of months leading up to the season."

Hurley and Jackson are two peas in a pod

In many ways, coach Dan Hurley sees a version of himself in Jackson.

Like Hurley, Jackson is an intense competitor with a strong work ethic. They even come from similar family backgrounds. But, perhaps most important, they are obsessed with basketball.

"It's rare in today's game how much [Jackson] cares about his team and this program winning," Hurley said. "You cherish it because you don't know how much longer guys with that mentality are coming in."

Hurley held exit meetings for everybody on the team at the end of last season to talk about what he expected out of players the following season. For Jackson, Hurley knew it was time to pass the proverbial torch of leadership from the seniors to Jackson.

Hurley and his staff had been prepping Jackson to take the leadership role since the start of his sophomore year.

"Every time, there was an uncomfortable silence in a team meeting where I have been waiting for somebody to say something," Hurley said. "Usually, [Jackson] has been the first one to break the ice."

"After a bad game or loss, I'll be having a tough video session and I will prompt the team to say what they are feeling. He has always been the type of guy to be the first to speak. It takes a lot of self-confidence to do that."

Hurley expects some growing pains as Jackson deals with new situations.

"His leadership style is certainly going to be a lot more demanding than anybody on this team has experienced," Hurley said. "He's going to have not only a fastball but change-up and curveball, too, because not everybody is wired like him."

"His empathy and his compassion for a struggling team, he's going to not only just have the hammer, but also pick people up, too. I think he's got a good feel for it because he's a good guy, but he's a fierce, fierce competitor."

Ultimately, Jackson feels that he will be a leader of a special group.

"We've all been through it together," he said. "We've all been through the same stuff all the guys that have left have been through. It's hard to get out on the court here, and it's not easy. That's why everybody that gets out on the court here is ready. We are all in. We are all in for each other."

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# SCOREBOARD

## NBA

**PLAYOFF SCHEDULE**  
**EAST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS**  
*(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)*  
**#1 Miami 4, #4 Philadelphia 2**  
**May 2:** Miami 106-92  
**May 4:** Miami 119-103  
**May 6:** Philadelphia 99-79  
**May 8:** Philadelphia 116-108  
**May 10:** Miami 120-85  
**May 12:** Miami 99-90

**#2 Boston 4, #3 Milwaukee 3**  
**May 1:** Milwaukee 101-89  
**May 3:** Boston 109-86  
**May 7:** Milwaukee 103-101  
**May 9:** Boston 116-108  
**May 11:** Milwaukee 110-107  
**May 13:** Boston 108-95  
**Sunday:** Boston, 109-81

**WEST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS**  
**#1 Phoenix 3, #4 Dallas 3**  
**May 2:** Phoenix 121-114,  
**May 4:** at Phoenix 129-109  
**May 6:** Dallas 103-94  
**May 8:** Dallas 111-101,  
**May 10:** Phoenix 110-80  
**May 12:** Dallas 113-86,  
**Sunday:** at Phoenix, late

**#3 Golden State 4, #2 Memphis 2**  
**May 1:** Golden State 117-116  
**May 3:** Memphis 106-101  
**May 7:** Golden State 142-112  
**May 9:** at Golden State, 101-98  
**May 11:** Memphis 134-95,  
**May 13:** Golden State 110-96

**EAST CONFERENCE FINALS**  
*(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)*  
**#1 Miami vs. #2 Boston**  
**Tuesday:** at Miami, 8:30 p.m.  
**Thursday:** at Miami, 8:30 p.m.  
**May 21:** at Boston, 8:30 p.m.  
**May 23:** at Boston, 8:30 p.m.  
**x-May 25:** at Miami, 8:30 p.m.  
**x-May 27:** at Boston, 8:30 p.m.  
**x-May 29:** at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

**WEST CONFERENCE FINALS**  
**#1 Phoenix/#4 Dallas vs. #3 Golden State**  
**Wed:** Phx/Dal vs. Golden St., 9 p.m.  
**May 20:** Phx/Dal vs. Golden St., 9 p.m.  
**May 22:** Phx/Dal vs. Golden St., 9 p.m.  
**May 24:** Phx/Dal vs. Golden St., 9 p.m.  
**x-May 26:** Phx/Dal vs. Golden St., 9 p.m.  
**x-May 28:** Phx/Dal vs. Golden St., 9 p.m.  
**x-May 30:** Phx/Dal vs. Golden St., 8 p.m.

Through Saturday

SCORING AVERAGE	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Antetokounmpo, MIL	11	30	87	355	32.3
Doncic, DAL	9	99	55	280	31.1
Jokic, DEN	5	61	28	155	31.0
Tatum, BOS	10	96	62	288	28.8
Butler, MIA	10	104	63	287	28.7
Morant, MEM	9	81	65	244	27.1
Ingram, NO	6	56	39	162	27.0
Curry, GS	11	96	62	296	26.9
Durant, BKN	4	32	34	105	26.3
Mitchell, UTA	6	53	37	153	25.5
Edwards, MIN	6	50	28	151	25.2
Booker, PHO	9	76	42	222	24.7
Embiid, PHI	10	78	73	236	23.6
Brunson, DAL	12	102	55	274	22.8
Siakam, TOR	6	51	31	137	22.8
Brown, BOS	10	80	42	225	22.5
McCollum, NO	6	49	18	133	22.2
Towns, MIN	6	39	43	131	21.8
Irving, BKN	4	28	21	85	21.3
Hunter, ATL	5	39	16	106	21.2
DeRozan, CHI	5	39	26	104	20.8
Maxey, PHI	12	88	47	249	20.8
Thompson, GS	11	86	10	224	20.4
Vucevic, CHI	5	40	4	97	19.4
LaVine, CHI	4	27	14	77	19.3
Poole, GS	11	74	37	212	19.3
Ayton, PHO	12	103	20	228	19.0
Holiday, MIL	11	80	23	208	18.9
Bane, MEM	12	76	30	225	18.8
Harden, PHI	12	64	67	223	18.6
Paul, PHO	12	83	34	188	18.2
Bogdanovic, UTA	6	39	19	108	18.0
Clarkson, UTA	6	40	16	105	17.5
Anunoby, TOR	6	39	12	104	17.3
Harris, PHI	12	81	19	203	16.9
Jackson, MEM	12	59	40	185	15.4
Smart, BOS	9	50	17	139	15.4
Young, ATL	5	22	76	77	15.4
Trent, TOR	6	31	17	92	15.3
Adebayo, MIA	11	57	47	161	14.6
Brooks, MEM	11	60	16	161	14.6
Curry, BKN	4	22	2	58	14.5
Valanciunas, NO	6	32	20	87	14.5
Wiggins, GS	11	62	20	160	14.5
Bogdanovic, ATL	4	20	8	57	14.3
Brown, BKN	4	21	8	56	14.0
Morris, DEN	5	25	9	70	14.0
Bridges, PHO	12	63	28	167	13.9
Barton, DEN	5	27	4	69	13.8
Gordon, DEN	5	23	20	69	13.8

3-PT FG PERCENTAGE	3FG	3FGA	PCT
Payton, GS	6	8	.750
Knox, ATL	3	10	.600
Mills, BKN	7	13	.538
Milton, PHI	8	15	.533
Curry, BKN	12	23	.522
McDaniels, MIN	10	20	.500
Bane, MEM	43	88	.489
Tucker, MIA	15	31	.484
Kleber, DAL	28	58	.483
Robinson, MIA	11	23	.478
Murphy, NO	9	19	.474
Bertans, DAL	16	34	.471
Horford, BOS	23	49	.469
Hunter, ATL	12	26	.462
Booker, PHO	28	61	.459
Toones, MIN	10	22	.455
Bridges, PHO	13	30	.433
Allen, MIL	19	44	.432
Brown, BKN	6	14	.429
Matthews, MIL	18	42	.429
Middleton, MIL	6	14	.429
Finney-Smith, DAL	34	80	.425
Cannonnughton, MIL	25	59	.424
Morris, DEN	11	26	.423
Williams, BOS	18	43	.419
Jones, NO	5	12	.417
Green, PHI	31	76	.408
Thompson, GS	42	103	.408
Ingram, NO	11	27	.407

## WNBA

EASTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	3	1	.750	—
Atlanta	3	1	.750	—
Chicago	2	1	.667	½
Connecticut	1	1	.500	1
Indiana	2	3	.400	1½
New York	1	3	.250	2
WESTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	3	1	.750	—
Dallas	2	1	.667	½
Phoenix	2	1	.667	½
Los Angeles	2	2	.500	1
Seattle	1	3	.250	2
Minnesota	0	4	.000	3

**SUNDAY'S RESULTS**  
Dallas 81, New York 71  
Atlanta 85, Indiana 79

**TUESDAY'S GAMES**  
Connecticut at New York, 7p.m.  
Atlanta at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
Washington at Dallas, 8p.m.  
Phoenix at Las Vegas, 10p.m.  
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.

**WEDNESDAY'S GAME**  
Chicago at Seattle, 10p.m.

**FRIDAY'S RESULTS**  
Phoenix 69, Seattle 64  
Connecticut 77, Los Angeles 60  
Chicago 82, Minnesota 78

## USFL

All games in Birmingham, Ala.

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New Jersey	4	1	0	.800	106	80
Philadelphia	2	3	0	.400	106	125
Michigan	1	4	0	.200	87	102
Pittsburgh	1	4	0	.200	60	112
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Birmingham	5	0	0	1.000	129	92
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	110	85
Tampa Bay	3	2	0	.600	84	99
Houston	1	4	0	.200	107	116

**WEEK 5**  
**SUNDAY'S RESULTS**  
Birmingham 30, Philadelphia 17  
Pittsburgh 21Houston 20

**SATURDAY'S RESULT**  
New Jersey 27, New Orleans 17

**FRIDAY'S RESULT**  
Tampa Bay 27, Michigan 20

## NHL

### STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

#### FIRST ROUND

*(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)*

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Carolina 4, Boston 3

**May 2:** Carolina 5-1

**May 4:** Carolina 5-2

**May 6:** Boston 4-2

**May 8:** Boston, 5-2

**May 10:** Carolina, 5-1

**May 12:** Boston 5-2

**May 14:** Carolina 3-2

##### Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 3

**May 3:** Pittsburgh 4-3 (3OT)

**May 5:** N.Y. Rangers 5-2

**May 7:** Pittsburgh 7-4

**May 9:** Pittsburgh 7-2

**May 11:** N.Y. Rangers 5-2

**May 13:** N.Y. Rangers 5-3

**Sunday:** at N.Y. Rangers, late

##### Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 3

**May 2:** Toronto 5-0

**May 4:** Tampa Bay 5-3

**May 6:** Toronto 5-2

**May 8:** Tampa Bay 7-3

**May 10:** Toronto 4-3

**May 12:** Tampa Bay 4-3 (OT)

**May 14:** Tampa Bay 2-1

##### Florida 4, Washington 2

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Calgary 3, Dallas 3

**May 3:** Calgary 1-0

**May 5:** Dallas 2-0

**May 7:** Dallas 4-1

**May 11:** Calgary 3-1

**May 13:** Dallas 4-2

**Sunday:** at Calgary, late

##### Edmonton 4, Los Angeles 3

**May 2:** Los Angeles 4-3

**May 4:** Edmonton 6-0

**May 6:** Edmonton 8-2

**May 8:** Los Angeles 4-0

**May 10:** Los Angeles 5-4 (OT)

**May 12:** Edmonton 4-2

**May 14:** Edmonton, 2-0

##### Colorado 4, Nashville 0

#### St. Louis 4, Minnesota 2

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### SECOND ROUND

*(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)*

##### Florida vs. Tampa Bay

All games TBD

##### N.Y. Rangers/Pittsburgh vs. Carolina

All games TBD

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### SECOND ROUND

**St. Louis vs. Colorado**

**G1:** at Colorado, TBD

**G2:** at Colorado, TBD

**G3:** at St. Louis, TBD

**G4:** at St. Louis, TBD

**x-G5:** at Colorado, TBD

**x-G6:** at St. Louis, TBD

**x-G7:** at Colorado, TBD

##### Calgary/Dallas vs. Edmonton

All games TBD

## TENNIS

### INTERNAZIONALI BNL D'ITALIA

At Foro Italico, Rome, Red Clay-outdoor

#### MEN'S SINGLES, FINAL

#1Novak Djokovic d.

#4Stefanos Tsitsipas, 6-0, 7-6(5)

#### WOMEN'S SINGLES, FINAL

#1Iga Swiatek d.

#9Ons Jabeur, 6-2, 6-2

### WTA TROPHEE LAGARDERE

At Lagardere Paris Racing Club, Paris; clay-outdoors

#### WOMEN'S SINGLES, FINAL

#7Claire Liu d.

#3Beatriz Haddad, 6-3, 6-4

### WTA LIQUI MOLY OPEN

Karlsruhe, Germany; clay-outdoors

#### WOMEN'S SINGLES, FINAL

#8Bernarda Pera d.

#2 Mayar Sherif, 6-2, 6-4

## AUTO RACING

### NASCAR CUP SERIES

#### ADVENTHEALTH 400 LINEUP

Sunday at Kansas Speedway; Kansas City, Kan.;

Lap length: 1.50 miles

(Start position in parentheses)

1. (5) Kurt Busch, Toyota, 267 laps, 50 points.

2. (3) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 267, 40.

3. (6) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 267, 53.

4. (18) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 267, 36.

5. (1) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 267, 32.

6. (9) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 267, 36.

7. (11) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 267, 43.

8. (36) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 267, 29.

9. (8) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 267, 29.

10. (24) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 267, 32.

11. (4) Austin Cindric, Ford, 267, 33.

12. (10) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 267, 35.

13. (21) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 267, 24.

14. (30) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 267, 23.

15. (23) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 267, 22.

16. (13) William Byron, Chevrolet, 267, 27.

17. (34) Joey Logano, Ford, 267, 22.

18. (28) Noah Gragson, Chevrolet, 267, 0.

19. (20) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 267, 18.

20. (17) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 267, 17.

21. (26) Harrison Burton, Ford, 267, 16.

22. (16) Cole Custer, Ford, 267, 15.

23. (25) Michael McDowell, Ford, 267, 14.

24. (12) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 266, 13.

25. (31) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 266, 12.

26. (7) Aric Almirola, Ford, 266, 11.

27. (35) Chris Buescher, Ford, 265, 10.

28. (33) Josh Billicki, Chevrolet, 265, 0.

29. (14) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 264, 22.

30. (2) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 263, 14.



